



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lent 2023

“Blessed Are You”

Matthew 5:1-12

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 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: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***Love Divine All Loves Excelling***

#631 vv. 1-2, 4

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev-'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev-'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**)

Loving God, let the light of your Word, and the warmth of your Spirit rejoice with those for whom life has begun anew, dry the eyes of all who are weighed down with grief, strengthen the weak and the lonely; those we have named on our lips and in our hearts and those whose troubles are known only to you; that they may know your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 19:13-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 19th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: (8:30am): *Oh, Love, How Deep* Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil (sing 2x) #512
**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

THE MESSAGE: "*Jesus' Children's Message*" Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC Michelle Lum

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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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 line after the leader.)
Lamb of God... You take away...
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.

Lamb of God... You take away...
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei... You take away...
the sins of the world... Dona nobis pacem...

Christ, Be Our Light
Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Refrain.)

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (Refrain.)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (Refrain.)

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain.)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: **We Are Marching in the Light of God**
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

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#866 vv. 1, 3, 4

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

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

THE POSTLUDE: *Festal Voluntary on “Ellacombe”*
Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)
Micaela Lum (5pm)

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THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Bryan Hallowell; Coffee Prep: Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Peggy Johnson & Gene Rathbun; Lector: Brenda Gaumer; Ushers: Tim Boyd & Matt Dubow; Welcome Table: Janice Olson
10am: Acolyte: Shane Beaudry; Coffee Clean-up: Ashleigh & Kevin Jensen; Communion: Katherine Dickinson & Scott Neiderhiser; Lector: Ron Bacon; Usher: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Cheryl Swinehart
5pm: Communion & Lector: Gary Bridge

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 19 - 25, 2023

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Confirmation (11:15am); L&L/Lunch & Learn (11:15am); NA (6:30pm)
Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Preschool Choir (11:30am); RIOT Book Club (2pm); Al Anon (5:30pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (1pm); Al Anon (7pm); Meditative Prayers Virtual GIFT Group (7pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women’s Bible Study (10am); First Communion Class (5:15pm); Soup Supper (6pm); Lenten Worship (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)
Saturday: AA Men’s (7am); First Communion Chalice Making (11am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA (7pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Gia Lugo & Eric Overton in celebration of Henry's 5th birthday! They are also given by John & Linda Friend in honor of their daughter Lisa.

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.

LENT 2023 - Soup suppers in Bankson Hall on Wednesdays, 6pm, worship, 6:30pm. If you would like to provide a soup, see the sign-up. LENTEN OFFERING this year will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. Lenten Coin Boxes available - bring them back on Palm Sunday or drop off at the office.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Middle School) - Today, 11:15am, in Knudson Hall. Questions: pastordavid@mygloriadei.org.

FIRST COMMUNION - The final of three First Communion classes is this Wednesday, 5:15pm. The class will make their chalices on March 25. First Communion takes place on Palm Sunday. Questions, speak with a pastor.

LOCY (Lutheran Orange County Youth) GATHERING - March 26 at 6pm at Our Savior's Lutheran in San Clemente. Sign-up at the Welcome table. Contact Paige Gulck for carpool or info: youth@mygloriadei.org.

(L&L) LUNCH & LEARN - Today, 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.)

GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY — 2nd Thursday monthly, 6pm - next gathering is April 13. Contact: Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

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

EASTER LILIES - To honor or remember a loved one this Holy season, you may wish to purchase a lily for our Easter worship. Cost: \$10 per plant. Forms are available at the Welcome Table.

EASTER EGG COLLECTION - Children's Ministry is in need of filled eggs for the Eggstravaganza on April 9 at 9:30am. Please bring beforehand and drop off at the large basket at the Welcome Table.

HOLY WEEK 2023 BEGINS...

PALM SUNDAY: Sunday, April 2 - Procession into morning services with Donkey and palms; First Communion celebrated (10am); Pancake Breakfast, immediately following the 10am service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY worship will be an individual, experiential prayer time. A global map covering the floor of Bankson Hall, candles, and a guide will lead you. April 6 (9am - 5pm).

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP: We observe the Passion of the Savior on April 7 with two worship services - noon and 7pm. These are Tenebrae (darkening) services with the seven last words of Jesus from the cross spoken. Final Lenten offering for Lutheran Disaster Response. This is the preparation for the joy of Easter/Resurrection Sunday!

EASTER - RESURRECTION SUNDAY: We celebrate the world's greatest news - Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! April 9 - 6:30am (outside), 8:30am, and 10am. Brass quartet, lilies, hopeful message, special refreshments, eggstravaganza for children (9:30am), and much more. Invite a friend to worship with you. They will thank you for life!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - April - June 2023 Devotional is available for pick up at the Welcome Table.

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!

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: Good Shepherd Sunday/Petting Zoo (April 30); L&L with Fred Johnson (April 30); "Raise the Roof" Party (May 21, 5pm); Women's Retreat (June 2 - 4).