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2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The 40-day season of Lent is a time to follow Jesus to the cross and prepare our hearts, minds, and lives for Easter. Our theme this year is "**Healing Hands.**" We will study the healing stories in the Gospel of Mark as we journey with Jesus to the cross for the healing of the world.

THE PRELUDE:

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Rachel Ehling, Pianist (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: When Morning Gilds the Skies

#853 vv.1,4-5

**When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let all of humankind,
in this their concord find;
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around,
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
today and evermore,
shall Jesus Christ be praised!**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

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

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

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

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Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times.

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

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

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

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

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

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

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

PSALM 121 (Read responsively.)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—

from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

He who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day

nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time forth and forevermore.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:1-5; 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

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 St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45

A man with a skin disease came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I am willing. Be made clean!" Immediately the skin disease left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly but stayed out in the country, and people came to him from every quarter.

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

ANTHEM: *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)* arr. Mary McDonald

Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum, Sanctuary Choir, Pop-up Orchestra

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

#798 vv.1-3

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?"

**"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris-'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

THE MESSAGE: *5 Second Rule*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY:

Harrison Michael

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 (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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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, INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come

forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request—please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (People echo the leader.)

Lamb of God - **Lamb of God,**
You take away - **You take away,**
The sins of all - **The sins of all,**
The world - **The world**
Miserere nobis - **Miserere nobis**

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Agnus Dei - **Agnus Dei,**
You take away - **You take away,**
The sins of - **The sins of**
The world - **The world**
Dona nobis pacem - **Dona nobis pacem.**

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

#712

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev-'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the deeds and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good-will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

Everlasting God

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord**

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**Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong Deliverer**

**You are the everlasting God
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You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

THE SENDING HYMN: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less #597 vv.1-3
**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain: **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev-'ry high and stormy gale**

my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.** (Refrain)

SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE: Micaela Lum (8:30am/10am)
Rachel Ehring (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 29, 8:30am/10am
(First Communion. Procession with Palms. Alice the Donkey.)
Maundy Thursday - April 2, 6pm
(Stations of the Cross, Anointing & Holy Communion)
Good Friday - April 3, noon, 7pm
(Tenebrae. 7 Last Words of Christ. Holy Communion)
Easter/Resurrection Sunday - April 5, 6:30am, 8:30am, 10am
(Special Music - Bells, Trumpet, Choirs. Refreshments. Eggstravaganza, 11am)

ALTAR FLOWERS - provided by the Blanda Family in memory of Frances McFarland and Joseph Blanda Sr.

POP-UP ORCHESTRA - Thank you to all who were able to join in and play today!

SUNDAY SCHOOL is during morning services (children ages 4-5th grade). Children leave after the Children's Message and return before Holy Communion. Questions - Children's Ministry Director Molly Healey - childrensministry@mygloriadei.org.

LENT 2026 - "*Healing Hands*" - A look at the healing stories in Mark's Gospel. Worship/soup every Wednesday 5:30pm - soup. Worship - 6:30pm.

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE - 2026 schedule for trips: March 7, July 18 & October 17. Please join a quick meeting to discuss plans on March 1 at 9:40am in the Sanctuary.

FIRST COMMUNION: Parent & child - 3 Wednesdays (5:15pm) beginning this Wednesday, March 4. See the sign-up for details.

PRIME TIMERS (Seniors): Living Art Experience, Saturday, March 28, 2026, 2:00 PM, Redondo Beach. Sign-up at Welcome Table.

EASTER ART BUILD - Help the art ministry build our Superbloom! This week we meet March 5, 11am-1pm and March 6, 12pm-2pm in Bankson Hall.

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT: March 6-8, in Tempe, AZ. This event is now full. There is a waiting list. Group leaves from the church, Friday, March 6, 5:45am.

WOMEN'S 1/2 DAY RETREAT - Sat., March 14, Bankson Hall. Breakfast - 8:30am, program 9am - 1pm. (Speaker Kirsten Casillas) Lunch included, childcare available.

SERRA'S PANTRY - Next volunteer opportunity, Saturday, March 21, 8:30am-12pm. Email/call the church office with any questions at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

HIGH SCHOOLERS AT SERRA'S PANTRY - All high school kids are invited to join the group to help. Saturday, March 21, 8:30-12pm.

HARMONIES FOR HEALING CONCERT - Friday, March 27, 7pm, sanctuary. The Blaha Studio of USC Thornton (including Micaela Lum) - Benefit Concert to raise funds for USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. Every donation matched 2-1 up to \$50,000.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Palm Sunday after the 10am service. Hosted by Paige and the youth group. Donations will go towards them attending The Western States Youth Gathering 2026, this summer. Please sign-up at the Welcome Table to join us for pancakes!

SARA GROVES CONCERT, Saturday, May 2, 7pm, Gloria Dei. Tickets available at the Welcome Table on a first-come, first-served basis. (\$25 suggested donation). We will open this event up to the general public in March.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically: Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY! 8:30am: Coffee Prep: Dave Ross; Communion: Paige Gulck & Craig Collins; Lector: Christian Asis; Ushers: Jim & Madelyn Jansma; Welcome Table: Susie Boland 10am: Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Colleen McCray & Melody Lieber; Lector: Roger Grefsrud; Ushers: Dennis Pysz & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin; 5pm: Donna Sandidge

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - MARCH 1-7, 2026

Today: Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am & 5pm); Confirmation Class (11:15)
Monday: South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); GIFT (6:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Preschool Reptile Show (9:30am); GIFT (10am); Staff Meeting (11am); Al Anon (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); First Communion Instruction (5:15pm); Lenten Soup Supper (5:30pm) and Worship (6:30pm); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm) **Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Arto Build (11am); Seniors & Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); Kerygma Bible Study (6pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15) **Friday:** MGD Spring Training Retreat - Sunday; Al Anon (10am); Laundry Love (2pm); 12 Step Men (6:30) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ❖ Closet Clean-Out Clothing Exchange (April 12, 2026) ❖ Good Shepherd Sunday - Petting Zoo (April 26) ❖ Sara Groves in Concert (May 2, 2026) ❖ Church Campout (June 12-14, 2026) ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10, 2026) ❖ Western States Youth Gathering - High School (June 28-July 1)