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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 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.

PRELUDE: "Adagio" from *Sonata in F Major, K.332* by W.A. Mozart

Micaela Lum, organist/pianist (8:30am/10am)

Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE GATHERING HYMN: All are Welcome

#641 vv.1-3

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain: **All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign a-new.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain.)**

**Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain.)**

THE CONFESSION

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

(Silence for confession. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

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.**)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Youth Director Paige Gulck

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

PSALM 130

(Read responsively.)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord
**more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
**For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.**

It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. (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.



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



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



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

(The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

(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.

ANTHEM: *All I Know* by John Purifoy (10am) Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum
Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

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

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**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 MESSAGE: *Be Opened!*
Amazing Journey

Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10am)
Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Open My Hands* by Sara Groves

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

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**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 minister.)

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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You take away - **You take away**,
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The world - **the world**
Miserere nobis - **Miserere nobis**

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.**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love**

As we sing "holy, holy, holy"

**Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

THE SENDING HYMN: Earth and All Stars
**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain: **God has done mar-vel-ous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! (Refrain.)**

**Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! (Refrain.)**

SENDING WORDS

THE POSTLUDE:

Micaela Lum (8:30am/10am)
Harrison Michael (5pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 29, 8:30am/10am (no 5pm)
(First Communion. Procession with Palms. Alice the Donkey. Pancake Breakfast)
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 Linda Curie (MiMi), in celebration of Natalie Curie's birthday. Also, by Marj Knudson in honor of her 94th birthday and her great grandson's birthdays, Charles Crosson (1st) and Tony Kharouf (4th).

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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.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA - Please donate candy filled plastic Easter eggs for the hunt! See basket at Welcome Table.

ART BUILD - Join the art ministry for our final build days for our Easter project! We meet March 24, 1pm-4pm, and March 26, 11am-1:30pm in Bankson Hall, and March 27, 12-2pm in the sanctuary.

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: Palm Sunday after 10am service. Hosted by Youth Director Paige and the Youth Group. Donations go towards The Western States Youth Gathering 2026. Please sign-up at the Welcome Table to join us for pancakes!

CLOSET CLEAN-OUT CLOTHING EXCHANGE: April 12, 1pm-5pm, Bankson Hall. Bring clothes on hangers. Women's clothes, handbags, shoes, etc. men's clothes as well. Then shop around for FREE. See the flyer at the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S TEA - Saturday, April 25 in Bankson Hall. Please see the Welcome Table for details and the sign-up!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - PETTING ZOO - Sunday, April 26, please join us to visit with all the animals out by the parking lot during the morning.

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).

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE - The group has been formed (Frank Hettmann, chair) and has had one meeting. Next month, they meet with the Assistant to the Bishop. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin our search for an Associate Pastor.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Barb McKeown will take place on Saturday, April 11, 11am.

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.

SERMON NOTES available for anyone (not just Confirmation students) who would like something to write on. Located in the first pew racks when entering the sanctuary.

XTRA PRAYERS? Meet at Candle Station (next to the organ pipes) before or after services.

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY! 8:30am: Coffee Prep: Carol & Chuck Weinhardt
Communion: Scott Neiderhiser & Henri Nurminen Lector: Jennifer Smith; Ushers: Christian Asis & Tim Boyd; Welcome Table: Bob & Brenda Gaumer 10am: Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Ron & Melody Bacon Lector: Jim St. Martin Ushers: Dean Frasche & Kathi Anderson; Welcome Table: Mary Jane Rylaarsdam 5pm: Guy Boicey

OPPORTUNITIES FOR - MARCH 22-28, 2026

Today: Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am & 5pm) **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (11am); Art Build (1pm); Men's Book Club (6pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 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); Art Build (11am); Seniors & Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); Kerygma Bible Study (6:15pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15); Chorale Rehearsal (8:15) **Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Art Build (12pm); 12 Step Men's Meeting (6:30); Harmonies for Healing Concert (7pm) **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian Worship (1pm); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ Mother's Day - "Daisy a Day" (May 10, 2026)
- ❖ Baccalaureate Sunday (May 31)
- ❖ Church Campout (June 12-14, 2026)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10, 2026)
- ❖ Western States Youth Gathering - High School (June 28-July 1)

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