

**Sunday, March 21st, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME/PRAYER REQUESTS**

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,  
**pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined**  
**and mend what we have torn.**  
**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**  
**Make us alive in the Spirit**  
**to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.  
The promise rests on grace:  
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,  
the wisdom and power of God,  
your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Now the Green Blade Rises**

**LBW 148**

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**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

# Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

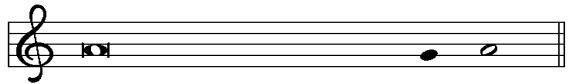
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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

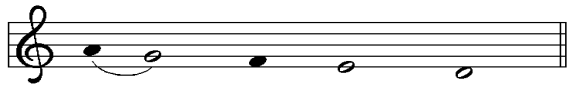
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# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



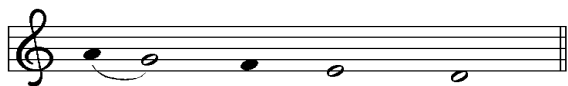
Lord, have mer - cy.



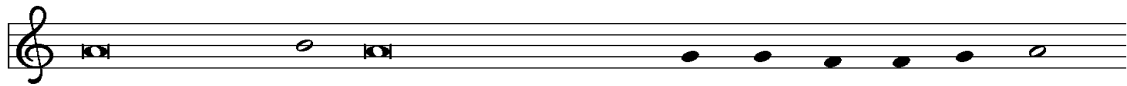
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

### WORD

#### FIRST READING

Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM

Psalm 95

<sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

<sup>3</sup>For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

<sup>6</sup>**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

<sup>8</sup>**Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

<sup>9</sup>when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

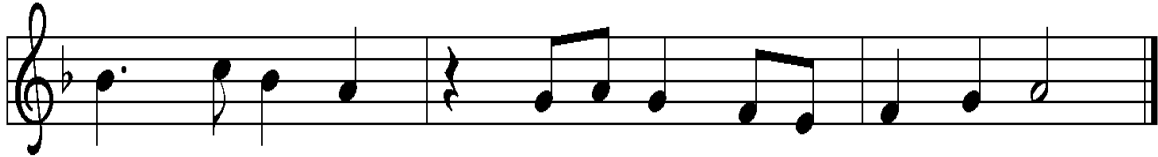
<sup>10</sup>**For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."**

<sup>11</sup>Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL

John 4: 5-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Response after reading.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus say

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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

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 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.

## **PRAYERS**

*Response after each prayer petition...*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

**OFFERING (Please reflect on giving of your time, talents, and treasures and make an offering to God based on all that God has first given you.)**

Your continued financial giving

is important for the health of our congregation – especially in this time. We appreciate your generosity, and we will need to work together to continue to support our mission. You always have the FOLLOWING options:

- Mail your offering to the church office – 237 E. Daley Street, Spring Green 53588
- Give by texting 833.914.1465.
- Simply Giving - sign up by contacting Financial Secretary Scott Mueller at 608.588.5702 or [scott.tami.mueller@gmail.com](mailto:scott.tami.mueller@gmail.com).
- GIVEPLUS Vanco Payment solutions - Go to the App Store or Google Play and search "give plus church" and make a donation.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Faithful God,

you walk beside us in desert places,

and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

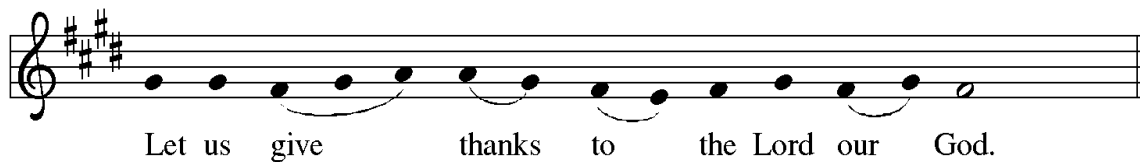
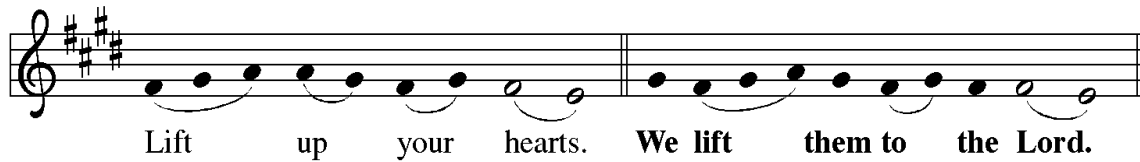
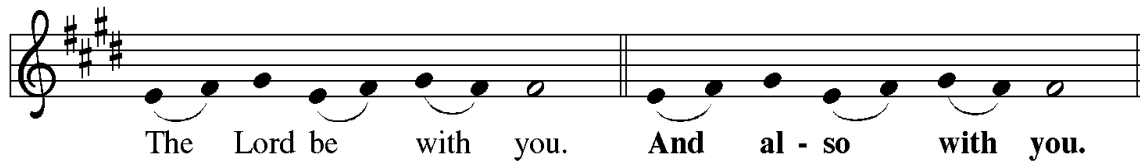
Accompany us in this meal,

that we may pass over from death to life

with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

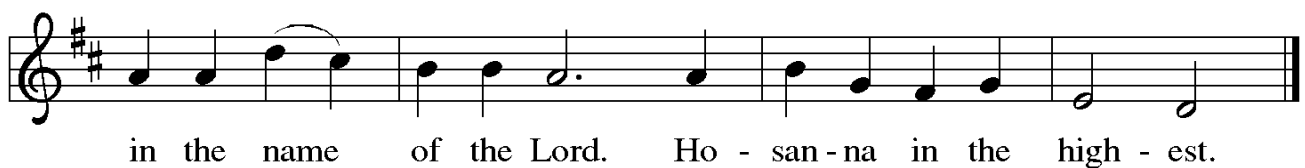
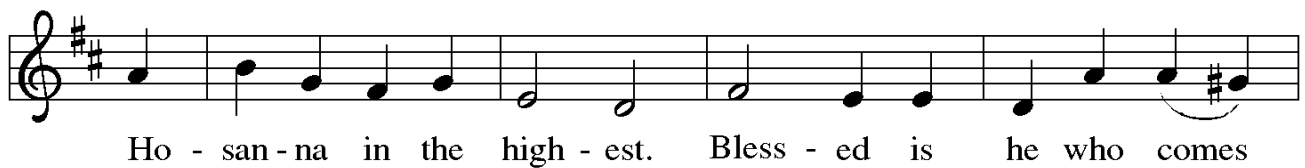
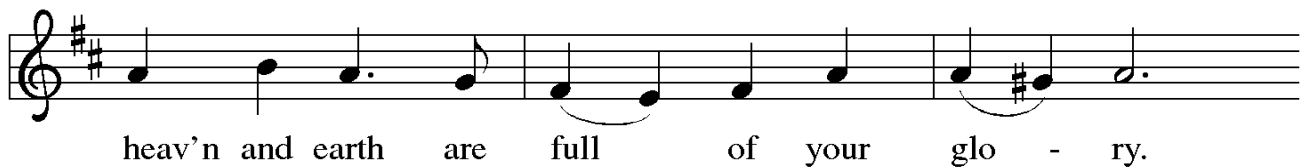
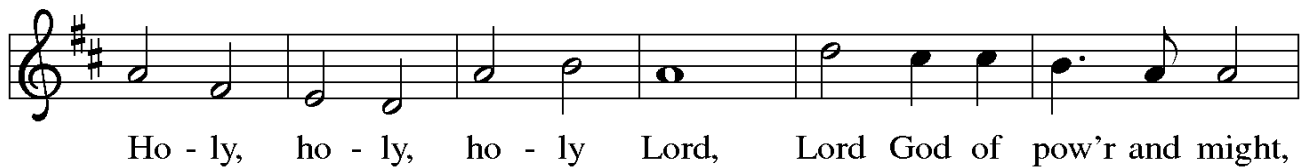
Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**COMMUNION** (Please share in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion in your pew or in your home at this time. Use whatever you have available for the hosts (such as wine or grape juice and bread or crackers) and remember that we Lutherans believe in Communion in one kind, so if you only have bread or crackers that is sufficient to partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.)

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of steadfast love,  
at this table you gather your people  
into one body for the sake of the world.  
Send us in the power of your Spirit,  
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN**

**Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

**LBW 480**

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# Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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