



Fifth Sunday In Lent  
April 6, 2025



# The Gathering

*The assembly's parts are in **bold type**.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, what do you need today?

**A world with more beauty than brokenness.**

The come, let us worship God,

**who brings water to parched places,**

**who translates weeping into joy,**

**who does great things for us.**

We worship in the name of our triune God, our great Creator, our new start,  
our endless inspiration.

**Amen.**





GATHERING SONG

Christ, Be Our Light Vs 1, 2, 5

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



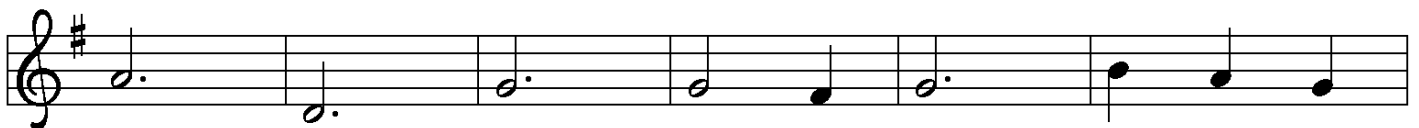
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Holy One,

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,  
nor our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have clung to comfort while others and creation suffer,  
and spoken words that wound instead of heal.**

**Teach us to follow you, assure us of your love,  
and help us love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, you and I have been forgiven of our sins and invited to a renewed life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! **Amen!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior, your extravagant grace waters our parched souls like rivers in the wilderness. Lead us by Mary's example to turn and offer your grace to beautify and dignify the poor, the ignored, and the oppressed. **Amen.**

## ANTHEM

Through it All

Messiah Choir

## The Word

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

A reading from Isaiah 43:16-21.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Judas sees Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume as a waste. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

The gospel according to John 12:1-8.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

This is the gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

## SONG OF THE DAY      When Mary Poured A Rich Perfume



1. When Mar - y poured a rich per-fume on Je - sus' wea - ry feet,  
2. The Lord re - plied,"Leave her a - lone! She bought it for this day.  
3. O, Christ, what can your peo-ple bring to show you thanks and love?



her car - ing filled that hum-ble room; the fra-grance there was sweet.  
This car - ing love that she has shown is faith - ful to God's way.  
You need no fra - grant of - fer - ing; for now you reign a - bove.



But full of an - ger, Ju - das said, "We could have used this more!  
The poor will al - ways be with you, but you will not have me."  
Since there will nev - er cease to be the poor through-out the land,



Why was her gift not sold in - stead and giv - en to the poor?"  
He blessed her and he thanked her, too, for giv - ing lav - ish - ly.  
may we, your church, serve faith - ful - ly by offer - ing them our hand.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need, especially those we now name out loud or silently in our hearts. *(30 seconds of silence)*. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# The Meal

## OFFERTORY

### OFFERING PRAYER

Compassionate God, As we return to You in this season of repentance, we offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and commitment. Bless them, that they may serve those in need, bring healing to the broken, and further Your work of justice and mercy in the world. **Amen.**

### INVITATION

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call us in this holy season of Lent to turn our hearts toward You, to seek renewal through repentance, and to walk in the way of Christ.

In great love, you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy Spirit, embolden us to bring your justice and peace to all the earth, sharing the gift Christ has shared with us. **Amen.**



## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*(Leader will sing each phrase; congregation repeats it.)*

Our Father... in heaven... holy is your name.

Your kingdom come... your will be done... on earth... as in heaven.

Give us today... our daily bread... forgive us our sins...  
as we forgive those... who sin against us.

Save us from the time... of trial... and deliver us.. from evil.

For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours forever...  
forever...and ever.

Our Father... in heaven.... holy is your name.

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Come forward now - God's feast is ready!

## **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of hope. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a needy world. **Amen.**

# **The Sending**

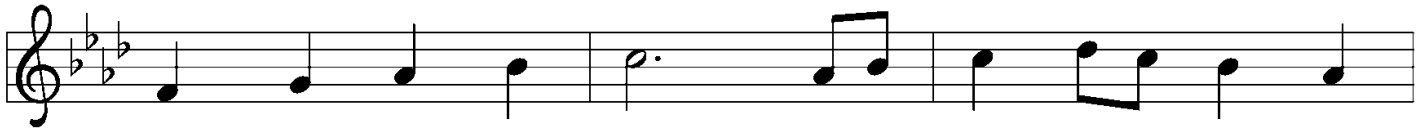
## **BLESSING**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✚ bless you now and forever. Amen.

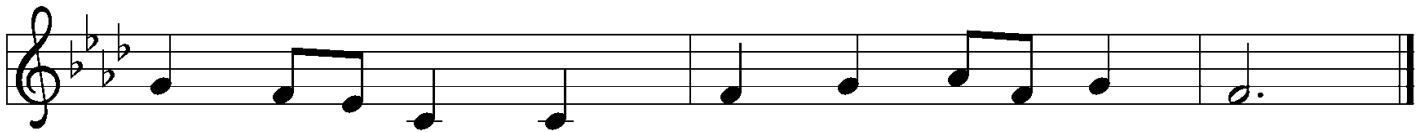
**SENDING SONG    O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days    ELW 319**



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Presider/Preacher: Rev. Courtney Geibert      Minister of Music: Terry Williams  
Pianist: Tony Marriott

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# Messiah Happenings

## Worship Sundays at 10 AM In-Person or on Zoom

Zoom sign-on information is available at the end of this bulletin and on our website, [www.messiahredwoodcity.org](http://www.messiahredwoodcity.org).

## Bible Study Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom

How do we navigate the hardest parts of life?

The link is at the bottom of this bulletin.

## Primetimers Meal on April 10 at Noon

You are invited to join us for our monthly meal in Capel Hall on Thursday, April 10 at Noon. Please RSVP with De.



**Holy Week Schedule**  
*April 13-20*

**Palm Sunday - 10 am**

**Maundy Thursday Meal - 5 pm**

**Good Friday Service - 5 pm**

**Easter Sunday - 10 am**



April 2 - Rev. Dawn Roginski

April 4 - Kristen Sullivan

April 6 - Nicholas Crettol

April 7 - Jeremiah Phillips

April 9 - De Modderman David Harris

April 10 - Michele Graham

April 15 - Vincent Phillips

April 21 - Clifford Bechtel

April 22 - Zoe Sullivan

## Prayer Requests

- \***Dr. Mary Horton Elliott** (Dr. Sigrid Horton's mom), passed away, prayers for Dr. Sigrid and her family
- \***Debbie Uccelli** (Janet Mauro's sister), passed away, prayers for Janet and Mark as they grieve
- \***Oliver Morrel** (Diane Allen's Friend's 2 Year Old Son), diagnosed with cancer
- \***Julie Salas** (Judith Yoakum's friend), diagnosed with cancer
- \***Tony Marriott**, experiencing eye pain
- \***Ken Harris**, recovering from a fall (Palo Alto Sub-Acute Rehab)
- \***Ken Graham**, recovering from a fall (Los Altos Sub-Acute and Rehabilitation Center)
- \***Deb Alston** (Tony's wife), undergoing chemotherapy
- \***Rose Marie Lombardi**, (Judith Yoakum's friend), prayers for comfort
- \***Katie Karas** (Kitty Nelson's friend), undergoing cancer treatment
- \***Roberta Thurston** \***Ginger Wilsey** \***Becky Harris** \***Ellen Schillig**

## Offerings

If you wish to continue with your weekly offering or make a special gift to our ministry, you may send your donation to Messiah Lutheran Church, 1835 Valota Road Redwood City, CA 94061. You can also donate online through [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)! Use your camera phone to scan the QR code to the right!

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## Zoom Meeting Access

Worship: Sundays at 10 am, Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 pm,  
(Please sign in 5 minutes before the meeting)

To gain meeting access, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82833746708>.

**Phone access:** Dial 1-669-900-6833 You will then be directed to dial in the meeting ID #82833746708. After a pause, you will be granted access.