



***Sunday, March 17, 2024***

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**Church Lock Up ~ Gloria Fruit**

Sermon One with Children

Gathering Hymn    My Faith Looks Up to Thee    ELW 759

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who looks upon us  
in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one  
another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have  
sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and  
take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us  
a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with  
your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion  
for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's  
love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes  
your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**L: Word of God, word of life.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

#### Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for

good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel

**P:** The holy gospel according to John 12:20-33

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon Two

Hymn of the Day    Now the Green Blade Rises    ELW 379

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children (*organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*). Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill, especially Terry, Alvina, Bjorn, Katy, Ed, Dennis, Kathy,

Cherie, Gary, Jeff, Huldah, Carroll, Barb, Lindsay, Betsy, Jim, Chris, Robert, Andy, Michelle, Karen. And the family of Sara. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us (*especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today*). Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

#### Sharing of the Peace

#### Noisy Offering

#### Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

#### Great Thanksgiving

#### Dialogue

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Words of Institution

**P:** 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, 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.

#### Lord's Prayer

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C:** **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.**

#### Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

#### Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### Blessing

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**



Sending Song      In the Cross of Christ I Glory      ELW 324

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Calendar

### **Sunday, March 17, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

### **Monday, March 18, 2024**

6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

10:00 a.m. The Chosen Bible Study

### **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

5:30 p.m. Worship

6:15 p.m. Lenten supper

7:00 p.m. Worship

### **Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

## Announcements

Join us for our mid-week Lenten evening services each Wednesday during Lent at 7 p.m. Our theme is a celebration of the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of East Koshkonong. There will also be a soup supper beforehand served in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:15.

East Koshkonong will be participating with the Cambridge Food Pantry and other area churches in providing Easter Food Baskets for those experiencing food insecurity. This year, we are collecting 75 cans of *any brand* of fried onions. The last day for collection will be March 17, 2024. Food baskets will be distributed at the Food Pantry on March 20 and March 27. If you or anyone you know has a need for an Easter basket, please contact the Cambridge Food Pantry at 608-423-8142.

EKLC will once again be participating in the Blue Jay Backpack program through the Cambridge Food Pantry. We will be collecting foods to provide meals for students during Easter break at the end of March. Please watch for additional details and a list of the items needed in the next couple of weeks!

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday– March 24, 9:00 a.m. worship

Maundy Thursday– March 28, 7:00 p.m. worship

Good Friday– March 29, 3 :00 p.m. worship

Easter– March 31, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise worship Upper Church  
9:00 a.m. Lower Church

