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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 2020

Gathering

Welcome Pastor Naomi Mahler

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.**

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: *We Are All One in Christ* (ELW 643)

Piano: Vicar David Severtson

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.

Prayer of the Day

Great God, our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name, look upon us with mercy, and bless us with your healing Spirit. Bring us comfort in the midst of uncertainty, strength to transform our weakness, and light to guide our way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Word

Isaiah 43:1-3a

Pastor Dane Skilbred

¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 8:23-27

Pastor Justin Ask

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message: Pastor Steve Meier

Psalm 46

Pastor Jon Dahl

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Pastor Jon Dahl

Hymn of the Day: *You Are Mine* (ELW 581)

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor Tim Malek

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 of the Church: Pastor Marco Curriel and Pastor Tim Malek

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering: Carol Meier, Psalm 46

Some days are full of fear, some days are full of doubt
Some days are full of wondering how it could ever work out
When the peace is hard to come by and the faith is hard to find
And the eyes that should be looking up are going blind

Still there's a voice whispering strong
And its calling for the faith to join in the song

**I will not fear though the earth be moved,
Though the mountains fall to the sea
I have a refuge and a strength; I have a hiding place
So, let the waters roar and let them rage
Let the earth be blown away
For the Lord of all the earth and all the sea
Is Lord of me**

This world keeps changing and this world keeps spinning round
This world can have a way of turning me upside down
So, remind this wandering heart, Lord, when I don't know where to stand
That the only solid ground there is
Is in Your hand

There is a river calling us on
And its streams are full of joy if we dare sing along

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Offering Prayer Pastor Tim Malek

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. In this challenging time help us to trust in you and turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The 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.

Sending

Announcements and Blessing

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (ELW 536)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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