

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021





WORSHIP AT HOME

All are Welcome at Pilgrim Lutheran Church!

*We've been expecting you, because we are always expecting pilgrims —
the people of God on the journey of faith and life!*

Welcome to Worship at Home!

In this extraordinary time in our world, as we follow public health guidelines, for the care of the neighbor and ourselves, we are keeping our physical distance. But we are still connected in the body of Christ. As a Pilgrim community, we will not be gathering in the flesh for worship for an unknown period of time, but we are seeking ways to provide support for worshipping at home, for caring for one another, and for nurturing our journeys of faith.

This online bulletin is a guide to what we are offering to support you in worshipping at home on this Sunday, as we seek to continue to connect with God and with the Pilgrim body of Christ and with the body of Christ around the world.

Regarding upcoming Pilgrim events, we commend you to Pilgrim community emails (always posted on the Pilgrim website in the Covid section), as well as the Pilgrim monthly newsletter (posted on the Pilgrim website), where we will continue to share updates.

In these challenging days in our world, we are grateful for the gift of worship, that invites us to bring the fullness of our personal and community sorrows and joys to the God who holds us all, in all, through all.

PILGRIM is...

*...A Home for Hungry
Minds and Souls*

*...An inclusive Christian
worshipping community
that seeks, nurtures, and
empowers hungry minds
and souls to live gener-
ously in response to God's
love.*

*...A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation*

*...A Caring for Creation
Congregation*

...An ELCA Congregation

*Before the service,
speak to God;*

*During the service,
let God speak to you;*

*After the service,
speak to one another.*

ELW = Evangelical
Lutheran Worship

ACS= All Creation Sings

L = Leader, Regular Print

C = Congregation, Bold

PRELUDE

*The text may be read on
pg. 9.*

CONFESSION *from*
Disrupt Worship
Project

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Miserere Mei Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

Choral Scholars and choir members

SILENCE *The singing bowl invites us into a few moments of silence and reflection.*

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION

C: Most Merciful God, we confess that sin binds us and we do not know how to free ourselves. We tie guilt and shame to our own mistakes and the mistakes of others, failing to recognize learning and growing as a process. We focus our energy on criticism as opposed to appreciation of human effort. We have used the words of Jesus to condemn instead of liberate. We have too often focused on measurable outcomes and failed to appreciate the abundance of your grace. We are sorry, and we humbly repent. Forgive us and lead us in ways that free us from shame, free us from comparison, and lead us to delight in you. Amen.



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



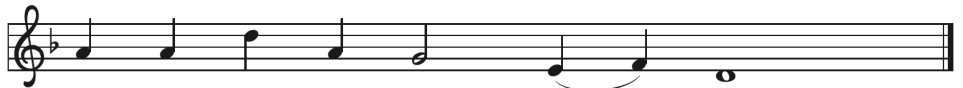
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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WORD

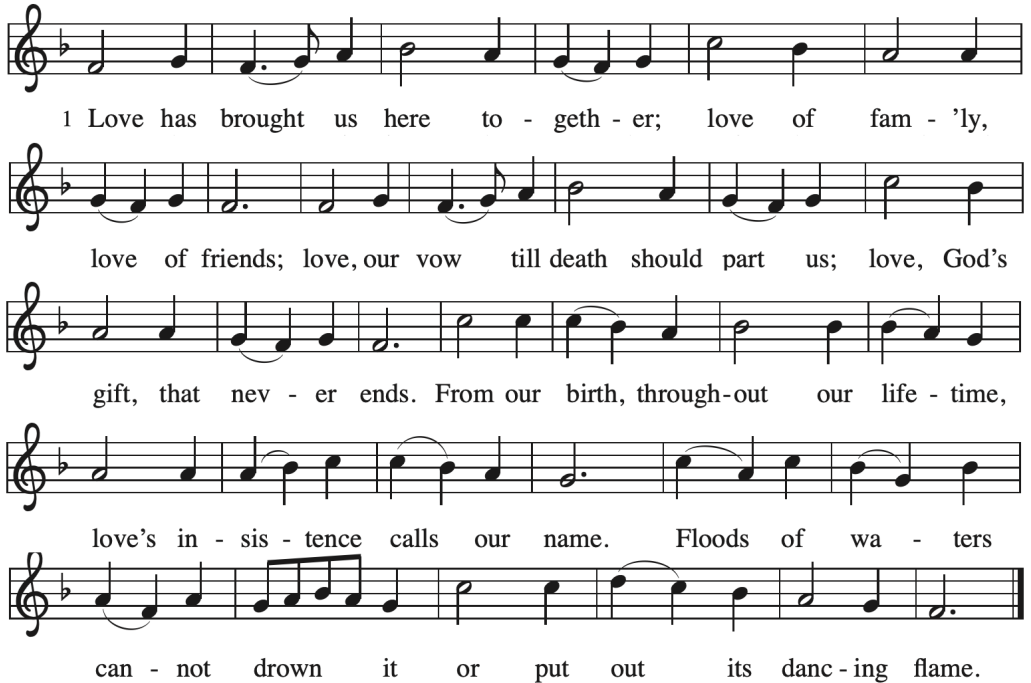
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

POINT FOR PILGRIMS

Alex Theship-Rosales

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Love Has Brought Us Here Together** ACS № 1040

Vs. 1



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,
love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's
gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,
love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters
can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER

We give thanks for the Word proclaimed and for all the gifts of God, and we pray for all of God's creation

PEACE

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING INVITATION

*During this time, we invite you to share of your God-given blessings.
Consider going to "donate" on the Pilgrim website or mail a check to us at
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105.
<https://tinyurl.com/pilgrimstpaul>*

OFFERING HYMN

That Priceless Grace

ELW № 591

Vss. 1 & 4

1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious
grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.
That price - less grace is life for me.

Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949

Music: THAT PRICELESS GRACE, Ghanaian traditional

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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — after each petition:

L: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Our Rest, Our Mother,

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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 in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

This version of the Lord's Prayer, with the words "save us in the time of trial," is from the Iona Community in Scotland.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace...

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

arr. Mary Howarth

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Musicians — Choral Scholars and Choir members
Prayers — Peter Smit
Reader — Kahnert family
Point for Pilgrims — Alex Theship-Rosales
Zoom Technical Support — Mary Brodd

PRELUDE text from Psalm 51:1

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your great mercy.

According to the multitude of your tender mercies, remove my offenses.



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