

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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. 8.*

CONFESSION *from*
Disrupt Worship
Project

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord
Choral Scholars and choir members

Thomas Weelkes

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

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION

C: Holy God, have mercy on us and forgive us. We have set our laws above yours and have placed our faith in authorities other than you. We have insisted on our own comfort to the neglect and indifference of our neighbors. We have acted to preserve our own self-interest in the face of suffering. We have lacked creativity and compassion when envisioning solutions to the challenges your children face. We are sorry, and we humbly repent. Grant us the gift of hearts that grieve injustice, greed, hatred, and fear. Make us steadfast in faith and give us the courage to follow you, carrying our cross. Amen.

Vss. 1-2 sung, Vs. 3 read, Vs. 4 sung

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross,
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

WORD

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

POINT FOR PILGRIMS

Maggie Priola

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

L: The Gospel of the Lord

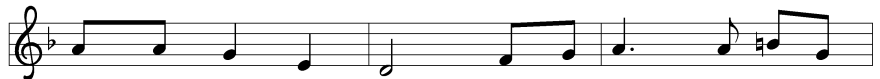
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL RESPONSE **Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**

ELW № 334



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

SILENCE
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invites us into a
few
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and reflection.*

Vs. 4 In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do.

SERMON

Pastor Chris Smith

SILENCE

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 **Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said**

ELW № 667

Vss. 1-2, 4




1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877. alt.

Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848; arr. hymnal version

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — after each petition:

L: God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Our Song, 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.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*

1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;

2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,

I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:

May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:

you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.

Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.

Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace...

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Psalm 23:4, Op. 32, No. 3 (excerpt) by Herbert Howells

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Presiding Minister — Pastor Jen Rome

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Prayers — Coralie Hunter

Reader — Chris Nagel

Point for Pilgrims — Maggie Priola

Zoom Technical Support — Stephen Bell-Kemp

PRELUDE text from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of Thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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