

# **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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March 17, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Setting - Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen

## INTRODUCTION

*God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.*

## PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 18.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**  
**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**  
**We speak in ways that silence others.**  
**We are silent when we should speak up.**  
**We keep score in our hearts.**  
**We let hurts grow into hatred.**  
**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**  
**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

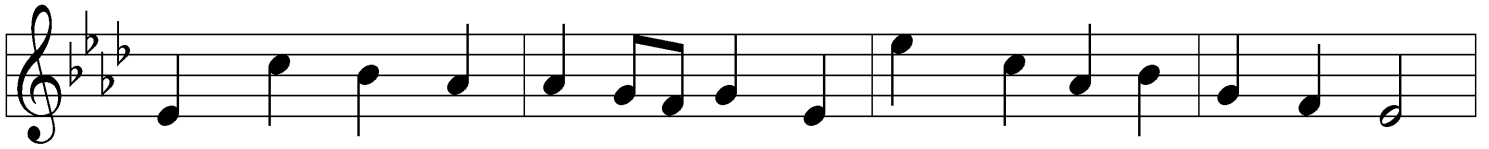
## **GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG**

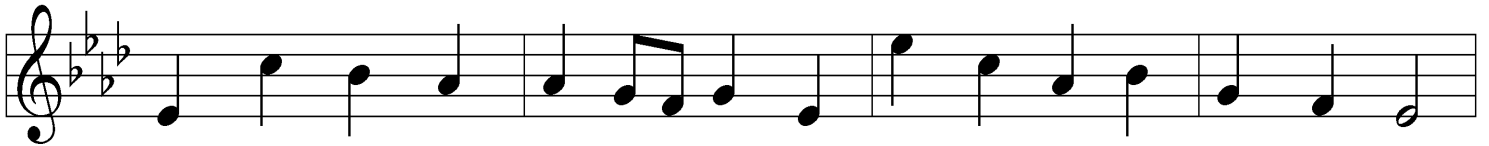
*Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

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# Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, sin - ners, ru - ined by the fall;  
2 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound-ed, im - po - tent, and blind;  
3 Those who drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul re - new - ing flood.



here a pure and heal - ing foun-tain flows to you, to me, to all,  
here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion, here the trou-bled peace may find.  
God is faith - ful; God will nev - er break his cov - e - nant of blood,



in a full per - pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
Health this foun-tain will re - store; those who drink shall thirst no more.  
signed when our re - deem-er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: NAAR MIT ÔIE, Ludwig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

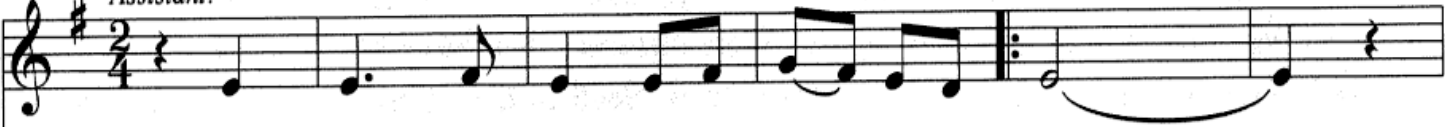
**And also with you.**

## **CHILDREN GO TO JAM**

*The Children are invited to come forward. The children are dismissed for Children's JAM, Sunday School, returning during the Peace.*

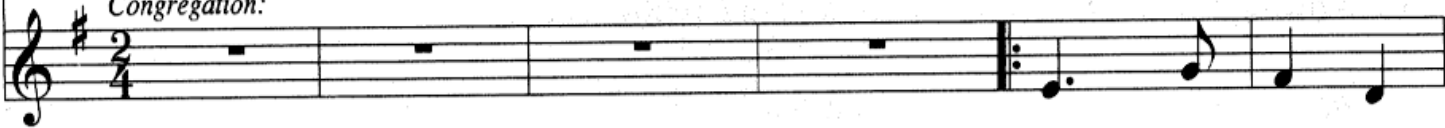
# KYRIE

*Assistant:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation:*



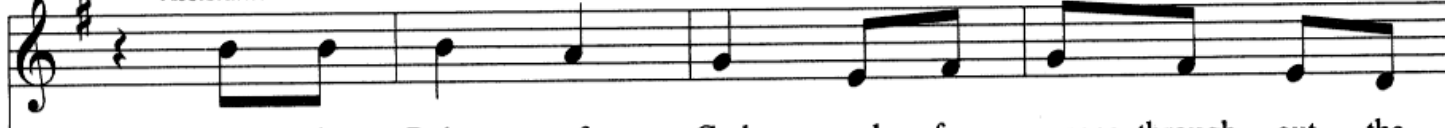
Lord, have mer - cy.

*3rd time to Coda* ⊕

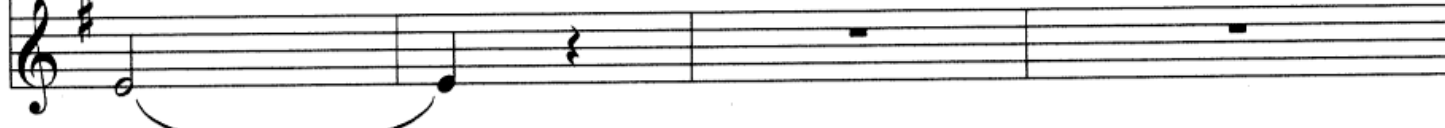


Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -


*Assistant:*



For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you



cy.



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

*continued on page 5*

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

\* Ending for Kyrie

God.

A - men.

## 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.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12**

*Read responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup> my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup> from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me <sup>1</sup> from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know <sup>1</sup> my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- <sup>1</sup> er before me.
- <sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil <sup>1</sup> in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right <sup>1</sup> in your judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born <sup>1</sup> steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my <sup>1</sup> mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth <sup>1</sup> deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom <sup>1</sup> deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I <sup>1</sup> shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- <sup>1</sup> er than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear <sup>1</sup> joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken <sup>1</sup> may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face <sup>1</sup> from my sins,  
and blot out <sup>1</sup> all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup> heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup> it within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away <sup>1</sup> from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- <sup>1</sup> it from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of <sup>1</sup> your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- <sup>1</sup> tiful Spirit.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

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The Holy gospel according to John, the 12th Chapter.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### **SERMON**

Pastor Bob Kippley

*A brief silence for reflection.*

*Please stand if you are able*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

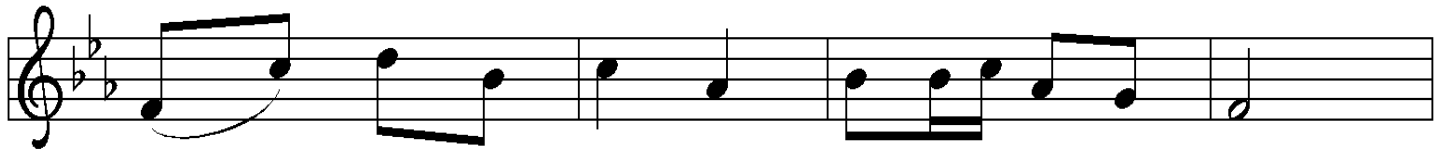
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# Now the Green Blade Rises



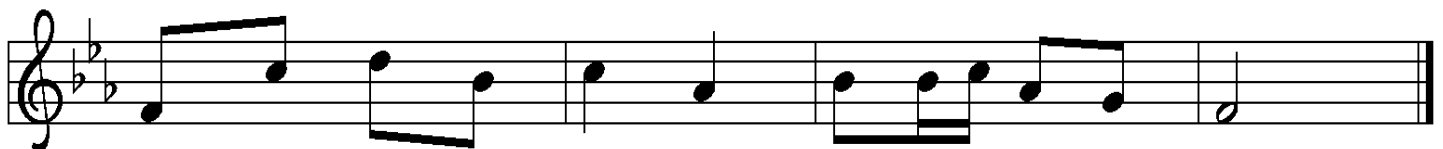
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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*Please be seated.*

## **CREED**

**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 into hell.  
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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **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*

*Each petition ends:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

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

**Amen.**

## MEAL

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:  
Peace be with you.*

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

*Special Piano Music*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### OFFERTORY

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#### Create in Me a Clean Heart

#### *Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **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.**

## **DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **PREFACE**

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 your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a common time signature (C). The music is primarily in 4/4 time, with a 3/8 time signature appearing in the second staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life...

...Grace our table with your presence.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

...We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

All praise and glory are yours...

...one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*  
**Amen.**

**he Lord's table** is open to all worshipers from all denominations who wish to share in God's blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is in the bread and wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

*Please let the usher know if you need assistance.*

Please be seated.

## COMMUNION SONG

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
you call us to the way of your  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

mer-cy on us.      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
mer-cy on us.

### Final Stanza

*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy on us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:      grant us peace,

grant us peace,      grant us peace.

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*Please repeat until Communion is complete*

## As the Grains of Wheat



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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*Please stand if you are able.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

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# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God!**

<b><u>Disciples Serving:</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>
Assisting Minister:	Ryan Kessinger	Jerry Vargues
Presider:	Pastor Bob Kippley	Pastor Karen Matuska
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Sue Kastelic	Sue Kastelic
Ushers/Greeters:	Jackie Cooley	Jackie Cooley
Counters:	Karen Dunton/Sue Kastelic	Kathy Lambert/Leanne Neu
JAM:	Cyrisse Cooley/Connie Wisthoff	Children's Sermon

## **PRAYERS**

<b><u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u></b>	<b><u>Added by Members</u></b>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Ronnie Brickman	Janis Youngblood-Pine
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor
Cheryl Ostern	Sister of Sue Kastelic
Sydney Pine	Truxell Family
Pounds Family	Friends of Kastelic Family
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
The Stone/Pilakowski Family	Truxell Family
The Ritterling Family	People of Tabor
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell
Brooklyn Youngblood	Janis Youngblood-Pine

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- *Easter Lilies to decorate the church for Easter are available to purchase for \$15. Order forms and payment envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.*
- *Pastor Karen Matuska will lead us in a combined Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service on Friday, March 29th at 6:00pm.*
- *We will be having Easter Breakfast at 8:30am on Easter Sunday, March 31st. Council will provide the main dish. Please sign up to bring breakfast breads/muffins, fruit and juice, as well as setup and clean up. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.*
- *Our Easter Egg Hunt will be after church on Easter Sunday. All children ages 3 to elementary school are invited. Please bring your own basket and join in the fun!*