**March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Lent – Email/At Home Missal**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17th, 2024 –MARCH 24th, 2024:**

**You will find the video for March 10TH, 2024, at the following YouTube link:** [**https://youtu.be/rI70t7rJp54**](https://youtu.be/rI70t7rJp54)

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**Announcements: Coming Events** *(save these dates)* ***bold print - events being held here at St. Peter’s***

1. **Mar. 20 Weekly Bible Study** *(see below for further details)*
2. **Mar. 20 Praying the Catechism** *(see below for further details)*
3. Mar. 23 Grebel and University of Waterloo March Break Open House *(see below for further details)*
4. **Mar. 24 Palm Sunday** *(see below for further details)*
5. **Mar. 28 Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Worship** *(see below for further details)*
6. **Mar. 29 Good Friday Service** *(see below for further details)*
7. **Mar. 31 Easter Breakfast** *(see below for further details)*
8. Apr. 5-7 Bishop’s spiritual Retreat for Lay Persons *(see below for further details)*

**Apr. 11 Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth** *(see below for further details)*

Apr. 16 Public Lecture– *(see below for further details)*

Aug. 11-23 Ontario Mennonite Music Camp *(see below for further details)*

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of March 17 – March 24, 2024**

1. **Monday 2:00 pm Ministry of Facilities, Risk Management and Property Meeting *(Parlour)***
2. 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*
3. Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*
4. **Wednesday 10:30 am Weekly Bible Study *(Art Room)***
5. **7:00 pm Praying the Catechism *(via zoom)***
6. Thursday
7. Friday 8:00 am Rental – International Auctions *(Art Room)*
8. Saturday **10:00 am Choir Practice *(Sanctuary)***

Sunday **10:00 am Worship Service** **followed by AGM** – A passage from **Mark 14: 3-9** *(Woman*

*anoints Jesus at Bethany)*

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**The March Lamplighter is available today in the narthex! Lots of good reading –thank you Lorre!**

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**Pastoral Visit: Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653-4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get to know Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.**

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**Prayer List: Bill, Don, Tammy, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Carol, Jeff, Aaron, MacKenzie, Rhett, Jan Ken, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne, Sherri, Avery.**

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1. **Weekly Bible Study** **- Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Art Room. Everyone is welcome!**

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1. **“Praying the Catechism” – A season of intentional prayer for Lent & Easter - Wednesdays at 7:00PM on Zoom from February 21 to May 15. Join Pastor Laura on zoom each Wednesday for prayer, conversation and mutual support as we work our way through “Praying the Catechism” this Lenten and Easter seasons.**

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1. **It's Maple Syrup Time at St. Peter's. The Maple Syrup we supply is from a local 5th generation farm, producing Maple Syrup for over 100 years. Since 2018 all of our Maple Syrup is "Certified Organic."**
2. **"It's truly the best Maple Syrup I have ever tasted." Pastor Monika 1 litre Mason Jars are $24.00.**
3. **Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office to order Maple Syrup.**

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**Our friends at Esta Chocolates have the perfect for Easter gifts. Item 1 *- Milk Chocolate Truffle Bar***

***$3.00 ea.*; Item 2 - *Easter Cone Bag with 15 assorted Truffles $10.00 ea.*; Item 3 *- Milk Chocolate Bunny with Smarties $6.50 ea.*; Item 4 - *Milk Chocolate Skor Bunny Pops $7.50 for 3.00*; Item 5 - *Gift Box with 10 assorted Truffles $8.00 ea.*; Item 6 - *7 Bunny Truffle Box $7.00 ea..*  Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office to place your order or see poster and sign-up sheets in narthex.**

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**GREENHORIZONS BIGYELLOWBAG - GIVE & GROW PROGRAM -** This fundraiser is open to all and enables each one of us to raise funds for St. Peters.  If you don’t have a lawn or garden, not a problem, you can still help by spreading the word to your neighbours, friends and relatives.  Each time that an order is placed at Greenhorizons Sod at **855-424-4224** for a **BigYellowBag** of soil using the code **STPETERS24**, you will save $5.00, and the church will receive $10.00. Spread the word, and the soil!

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1. **We need you to help feed our neighbourhood!** The freedom Centre has joined with Cambridge Community Table to offer a meal to our community twice a month on Tuesday night. We need volunteers: Food Preparation, set up, take down, meet and Greet. Every hour you can give once or twice a month. Call for information 519-591-6518 or email [rosemary@freedomcentre.ca](mailto:rosemary@freedomcentre.ca).

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1. Move with Robert(Free Exercise Class Mondays 1:00 – 2:00 pm, YMCA Certified Fitness Instructor – Wear exercise shoes/bringwater/no registration required/ arrive by 12:45 pm – Trillium United Church, Cambridge)

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1. Grebel and University of Waterloo March Break Open House | Saturday, March 23, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Planning to study at the University of Waterloo? Tour the university and see what it would be like to live on campus in a small, Christian residence at Conrad Grebel University College while studying at Waterloo. Meet current students, learn about academic programs, and explore the residence. Free parking. All are welcome. Visit [grebel.ca/events](http://grebel.ca/events) for more information.

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1. **Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 24th: In the spirit of those who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem by laying cloaks along his way, in place of waving palm branches on Palm Sunday, you are invited to bring textiles (new pairs of socks and underwear – all sizes accepted), which will be donated to The Bridges in Cambridge. This Emergency Shelter is in need of more men’s clothing than women’s, but would graciously accept either. In turn, they would keep some women’s clothing for their clients, but would pass on any in abundance to the women’s shelter in Kitchener. They are also in need of men’s gently used belts – again any size, and these items will be also be collected and then sent to them with the textiles.**

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1. **Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Worship – Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 PM. We will gather as Jesus gathered on this night with his disciples, sharing a simple meal and the Lord’s Supper. Both the meal and worship will be hosted in the sanctuary. Those joining by zoom are invited to have your dinner with us.**

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1. **Good Friday Worship – Friday, March 29th at 10:00 AM**

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**Please join together on Sunday March 31, 2024, 8:30 – 9:45am for Easter Morning Continental Breakfast**

**There is a sign-up list in the Narthex for contribution to the breakfast.**

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**Community Event - “Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth” - Thursday, April 11 7:00-8:30PM at St Peter’s (810 King St E). Praying with the labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation. Join us to learn more about this practice from a Christian perspective. The evening will include:**

* **A short teaching**
* **The opportunity to walk a labyrinth using your feet or finger**
* **Make and take your own finger labyrinth**

**There is no cost to attend this workshop but we appreciate pre-registration if possible to ensure we have enough supplies. Call 519-653-4721. All are welcome! Please note, we are semi-accessible (chair lift).**

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1. April 16, 2024 Public Lecture – The Gospel of Peace (John Dear – Priest/Peace Activist/Author; Nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. – No Charge (donations welcome); copies of ‘The Gospel of Peace’ will be available $25 (cash). All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, 210 Silvercreek Parkway N. Guelph.

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1. Ontario Mennonite Music Camp is a place where youth in grade 6-12 develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Hosted at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, August 11 to 23, 2024. Register by April 12 for early-bird camp fees. [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc)

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**Presiding Pastor: Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Helga Morrison**

**Reader: Helga Morrison**

**Welcome remarks**

**Call to Worship**

P: Whatever the state of the world, God’s call is the same:

***C: to love God and neighbor, to do justice and mercy, to walk humbly.***

P: When we are surrounded by beautiful things,

***C: we orient ourselves to living God’s word.***

P: And when all around seems like the end is near,

***C: we orient ourselves to living God’s word.***

P: God gathers us in from every situation:

***C: we come to answer Christ’s call.***

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**Gathering Hymn: ELW # 641 ‘All Are Welcome’**

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

***Refrain***

***All are welcome, all are welcome,***

***all are welcome in this place.***

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,

and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek

to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness

and as symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:***Refrain***

3. Let us build a house where love is found

in water, wine and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground

where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,

is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:***Refrain***

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach

beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,

and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger

bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:***Refrain***

5. Let us build a house where all are named,

their songs and visions heard

and loved and treasured, taught and claimed

as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,

prayers of faith and songs of grace,

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:***Refrain***

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**Greeting:**

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

***C: And also with you.***

**Prayer of Confession**

P: Holy One,

in this world that feels like it is coming apart at the seams,

we so often ask the wrong questions:

wanting to know how we can control situations for our own benefit,

how to hold on to our image, our history, our power,

when you’re going to fix everything back to the way we imagine it should be.

Instead you remind us how to live:

to put your word into action in all we say and do,

to follow you faithfully and trust your kingdom is coming.

***C: Forgive us when we give up on your way***

***and choose to invest in the way things are instead.***

***Forgive us when we are tempted to withdraw from the world***

***and leave it to self-destruct.***

***Forgive us when we think there’s nothing we can do to make a difference.***

***Remind us once again***

***that while we do not control your timing,***

***you have given us a role in building your vision***

***for a new heaven and a new earth.***

P: May we be faithful to your way,

in every small moment that adds up, in preparation for your coming.

Amen.

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**Kyrie: ACS Setting 12 *(page 31)***

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

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**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Loving God, bringing new things to birth,

we pray for awareness of what you are doing in our midst,

for courage to face the pain of being opened to new life,

for hope to face the days when the world is unraveling.

Your word is reliable, our true home in every time and season,

even as we pray come, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

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**Lenten Acclamation: ACS Setting 12 *(sung)***

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.\*

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**Reader:**

**The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.**

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

*May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbours, all people, and all God’s creation.*

As Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!”

Jesus responded, “Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.”

Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?”

Jesus said, “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many people will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m the one!’ They will deceive many people. When you hear of wars and reports of wars, don’t be alarmed. These things must happen, but this isn’t the end yet. Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other, and there will be earthquakes and famines in all sorts of places. These things are just the beginning of the sufferings associated with the end.

“In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won’t give its light. The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

“Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he’s near, at the door. I assure you that this generation won’t pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

“But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. Watch out! Stay alert! You don’t know when the time is coming. It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. Therefore, stay alert! You don’t know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. Don’t let him show up when you weren’t expecting and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!”  *(CEB)*

The Gospel of the Lord. ***C: Praise to you, O Christ.\****

**Engaging with the Story**

**Mark 13:1-8, 24-37**

**Staying Alert**

We hear something very different from Mark’s gospel this week. Up till now Jesus has been spending his time talking about what it means to be a disciple. Teaching his followers what it takes to walk in his way. And up till now, all of his teachings have been pretty practical. Here and now kind of stuff like love God, love your neighbour, be servants to one another.

And then we get to chapter 13 where Jesus starts talking about the future – about what sounds like the end of world – and calling his disciples to be watchful and alert. It’s hard to know how to take this future-talk because Jesus says some pretty upsetting things. And he can’t (or won’t) even tell them ***when*** these things will happen. And of course, that’s what the disciples are most concerned about: they want to know when these things will happen. What signs will there be that the end is coming? Because if they don’t know when – how can they be ready?

In every generation – before and after Jesus – there have time predictors. People who point to world events as signs that the end is near. People who even claim to have been given divine knowledge about a date and time when the world will end. In our own lifetimes, we’ve lived through several “ends of the world.” And of course, we’ll still waiting for one of them to be right. So as people of faith, what ***should we*** take from Jesus’ end of the age talk?

In the church we most often hear these kinds of “end of the world” passages during the season of Advent. In that time leading up to Christmas, as we prepare to celebrate God becoming flesh and entering into the human story, and also look ahead to Jesus’ second coming, and wonder what this might mean for us.

We’re used to hearing these kinds of apocalyptic passages during Advent, but it’s important to notice where this teaching falls in Jesus’ own story. Because in Mark’s Gospel, this is Jesus’ final teaching to his disciples right before his arrest and crucifixion. When we pay attention to ***when*** Jesus says these things, some new ways of hearing his words emerge.

In the final section in particular, it seems possible that Jesus may not in fact be talking about some event in the distant future, but instead pointing to what’s coming ahead in the next few days. Because Jesus’ call to stay alert brings to mind the disciples who fall asleep in the garden of Gethsemane. The rooster crowing brings to mind Peter’s denial of Jesus. The person going on a trip brings to mind Jesus’ own impending departure from this life – his death and his resurrection to come.

Knowing that these words about the end of the age were Jesus’ final teaching before his arrest and crucifixion, it’s possible that Jesus wasn’t just talking about things that will happen far off in the future. Instead, perhaps Jesus was pointing to his own impending death. Warning us that in just a few days the world will never be the same again because he will rise from the dead, breaking the bonds of sin and death forever.

It’s a reminder to us that as prepare to enter into Holy Week – as we prepare to journey with Jesus to the cross – that we pay attention and be alert to how God’s character will be revealed to us in Jesus’ passion. It’s a reminder to pay attention to this suffering servant who takes in hate and gives back love. Who takes in pain and gives back life.

Another helpful thing to consider when we read these kinds of passages in the Bible is to know that these kinds of end of the world teachings were not in fact meant to scare people but to bring them comfort. The first Christians lived through a lot of difficult things: they were persecuted and killed because of their faith, they lived through the destruction of the temple in year 70, and witnessed the decline of the powerful Roman Empire. Many of the terrible things that Jesus describes were not some future event but their present reality. Their world seemed to be crumbling right around them.

The word apocalypse actually means “a revealing.” And what these warnings reveal is that Jesus has already anticipated all of their struggles. Viewed through the lens of faith – trusting in the promise of resurrection – these become words of comfort, because in the end, the promise of the gospel is that God’s love will prevail.

When we look at much of what Jesus describes – the wars & rumours of war; false teachers; earthquakes, famines – these are all things that we find in our time too (and throughout human history for that matter). And so I wonder if it’s possible for us too, to find comfort and hope in these words rather than fear for our future. Jesus isn’t just talking about some future catastrophic event but is describing the hard realities that every human generation has faced.

It’s been said that as Christians, we are meant to be like people in an airport, waiting expectantly for our loved one to come home. I love this image, because we know what it feels like to wait for the arrival of someone we’ve been missing. It’s exciting, it’s joyful, it’s a moment filled with anticipation. And this is what it means when Jesus tells us to watch and wait.

Jesus calls us to a joyful waiting grounded in the knowledge that life has conquered death, joy has conquered fear, and love has conquered hate. It’s a joyful waiting that is grounded in the knowledge that God took care of things when Jesus died and rose from the dead. That we need not be afraid or anxious about our future – for our future is in God’s hands.

And so, in the meantime, while we wait in joyful expectation, we get busy with the things Jesus has all along told us to get busy with. We carry on Jesus’ own ministry of healing, feeding, and gathering into community. Jesus may be talking about big picture, cosmic events but the message for us remains the same: love God, love our neighbours, and love God’s whole creation. Because as Jesus says to us in the gospel of Matthew, “do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” Our job isn’t to worry about the when or the how of the future – but to be present in the here and now – to pay attention to the needs around us.

Throughout Mark’s gospel, Jesus’ message is consistent: this life will not be easy for those who seek to follow in his way. Yet, he promises us that our future is in the hands of a God who loves us and who loves this world so much that God chose to enter into our suffering so that we might have a future with hope.

This is a promise that changes everything. It’s a promise that invites us to live in hope, even when it feels that our world too is crumbling. Together, may we find the courage to do just that. AMEN

**Hymn of the Day: ELW # 438 ‘My Lord, What a Morning’**

***Refrain***

***My Lord, what a morning;***

***my Lord, what a morning;***

***oh, my Lord, what a morning,***

***when the stars begin to fall.***

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,

to wake the nations underground,

looking to my God's right hand,

when the stars begin to fall. ***Refrain***

2 You will hear the sinner cry,

to wake the nations underground,

looking to my God's right hand,

when the stars begin to fall. ***Refrain***

3 You will hear the Christian shout,

to wake the nations underground,

looking to my God's right hand,

when the stars begin to fall. ***Refrain***

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**Prayers of Intercession:**

(Each petition will end with ‘In your mercy…’, and the

Congregation will sing – **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer**.\*

We are in awe, O God — in awe of your grace and power; in awe of your ability to bring life out of death. With gratitude we bring our prayers to you, for when the world as we know it seems to be collapsing, still you are there. You are the true stability beyond any building or plan or system, even when we have trusted those things more than you. As you strip away the trappings, changing everything we thought we knew, reveal your kingdom being brought to birth, even here. In your mercy… **C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\***

We pray today for those who are vulnerable to manipulation by others. For those who have been taken advantage of. For those whose fear, health, or situation make them appear to be an easy target. Protect them with your strength of spirit, that they may stand firm in your truth. In your mercy… **C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\***

We pray today for those who suffer in this world – those victims of the world’s constant unraveling. For those living through war, famine, and disease. Those grieving the loss of everything and everyone they loved. Those wondering if this pain can ever end. We pray especially for the people of Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine. May there be calm, and safety, and justice that leads to peace. In your mercy… **C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\***

We pray today for those whose bodies, minds and spirits cry out for your relief and healing. Especially we pray for Avery, and the beloved children on our prayer list and those we name before you now aloud or silently in our hearts… May they know love and comfort and care. In your mercy… **C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\***

We pray today for those who seek to serve. Those who work behind the scenes to make their community a better place. Those who continually try to put your word into action. Give them stamina and courage to keep on, even when they do not see the fruit of their labors. May they know they are participating in the building of your kingdom. In your mercy… **C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\***

Your will, O God, is for a new heaven and a new earth,

for the whole creation to reflect your goodness

and for all to come to trust your grace and share your love.

Strengthen us to face the dismantling of this world’s ways,

that we may more faithfully journey with you into the new life you offer.

We ask these and all things in Jesus’ name.

**Amen.**

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**Share the peace of Christ:**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn: ELW # 685 ‘Take My Life, That I May Be’ (verses 4 – 6)**

4 Take my silver and my gold,

not a mite would I withhold;

take my intellect and use

ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine,

it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own,

it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour

at thy feet its treasure store;

take myself, and I will be

ever, only, all for thee.

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**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.\***

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**You are invited to prepare your table with bread and wine, or crackers and juice, whatever is available to you, so that you may participate in the meal.**

**Meal: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

[**https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY**](https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY)

**Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12: ‘Dialogue…’ (page 36) (spoken)**

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**ACS Setting 12: ‘Preface…’ *(Lent) (spoken)***

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:

**ELW Setting 12: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy…’ *(page 36 )***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow’r and God of might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**\*

**Thanksgiving at the Table:**

On the night before he showed us the full extent of his love,

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.

Again, 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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

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 from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. **Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion:**

This is Christ’s table where all are fed and none go hungry. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

I invite those at home, and those in the building communing by fellowship cup, to take your bread or cracker as we say together, “The body of Christ, given for us.”

And, as we take our cup we say, “The blood of Christ, shed for us.”

**Communion Music: ELW Setting 12 - Lamb of God *(page 40) &***

**ELW # 596 ‘My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less’**

**ELW Setting 12 - Lamb of God *(page 40)***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.\*

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**ELW # 596 ‘My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less’**

1 My hope is built on nothing less

than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

no merit of my own I claim,

but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

***Refrain***

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;***

***all other ground is sinking sand,***

***all other ground is sinking sand.***

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,

I rest on his unchanging grace;

in ev'ry high and stormy gale

my anchor holds within the veil. ***Refrain***

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood

sustain me in the raging flood;

when all supports are washed away,

he then is all my hope and stay. ***Refrain***

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,

oh, may I then in him be found,

clothed in his righteousness alone,

redeemed to stand before the throne! ***Refrain***

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you, in his grace.

***C: 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.\*

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**Blessing:**

P: Whatever the state of the world:

keep up the kingdom work

of love, justice, peace, and hope,

trusting that in God’s time

all manner of thing shall be well.

As you go from here,

go with the love and the blessing of Jesus. +

Amen.

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**Sending Hymn: ELW # 678 ‘God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending’**

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,

from your rich and endless store:

nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,

costly cross, grave's shattered door,

gifted by you, we turn to you,

off'ring up ourselves in praise;

thankful song shall rise forever,

gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing

toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

all at peace in health and freedom,

races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor,

lest we strive for self alone;

born with talents, make us servants

fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,

gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;

ours to use for home and kindred,

and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing,

as we heed Christ's ageless call,

healing, teaching, and reclaiming,

serving you by loving all.

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**Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

***C: Thanks be to God.\****

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