



## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 22, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Campus Ministry + Austin  
2100 San Antonio Street + Suite 120  
Austin, TX

**WELCOME** to you who are here tonight! Our faith calls us to be an inclusive community and to embrace all people, including those of all cultures, races, gender identities, expressions, and sexual orientations. LuMin offers opportunities to serve, examine faith, engage the intellect, and break bread together. Linger awhile after worship for fellowship and food. This is a community that will serve YOU with a listening presence.

*All scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

## **Gathering**

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

A reading from “Dear Church”, by Pr. Lenny Duncan.

### 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 us in love.  
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.  
All our sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for us.  
**Amen.**

## Gathering Song



① Come and pray in us, Ho - ly Spir - it, ② come and pray in us,  
③ come and vis-it us, Ho - ly Spir - it, ④ Spir - it come, Spir - it come.

## 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!**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*sit*

## Word

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

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The Lord | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

John 9:1-41

Gospel Acclamation



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

Sermon

*Silence*

*Stand*

Hymn of the Day

With-in our dark-est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev-er dies a -

way, that nev-er dies a - way. With-in our dark-est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev-er dies a - way, that nev-er dies a - way. With-in our dark-est

## Apostles' 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 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.

## Intercessory Prayer

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*The assembled are invited to pray their own simple intercessions followed by:*

*Hear us, O God.*

**Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Sharing of Christ's Peace.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

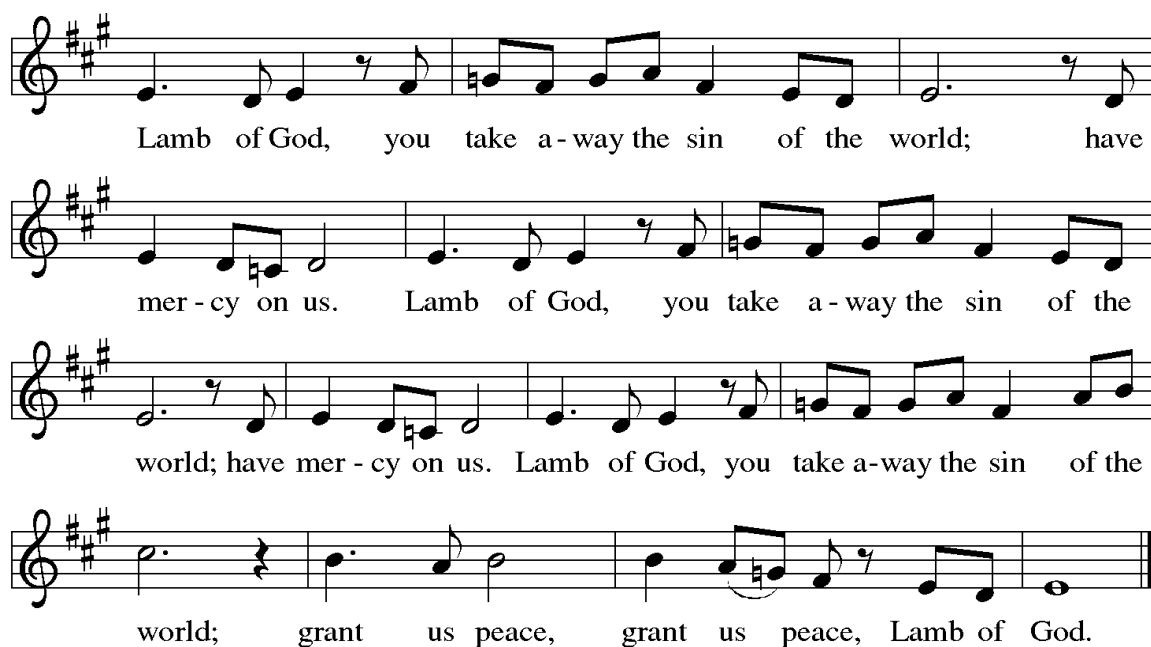
**And also with you.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

### 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.**

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## **Sending**

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

### **Blessing**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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