

Live Stream Worship



Second Sunday in Lent
FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Live Stream worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Arr. John Carter
James Jelasic, piano

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *from the Font*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C **Amen.**

P God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Fountain of living water,

C **pour your mercy over us, for our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Reach into our lives through your Holy Spirit. Help us rebuild what we have
ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as justice seekers,
healers, and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P Beloved ones, God hears your desire to be free, and by the saving power of Jesus
Christ, God + forgives you your sins and remembers them no more.
Journey now in the way of Jesus.

C **Following in his footsteps, we will stay close to him—thanks be to God!**

GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is the Life

ACS #927, verses 1-2



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



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time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

PASTORAL GREETING

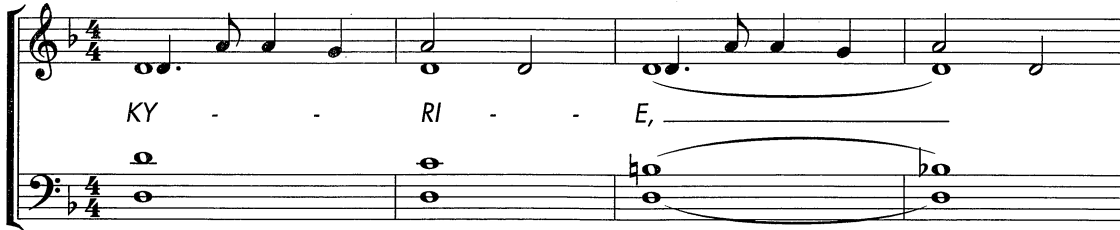
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

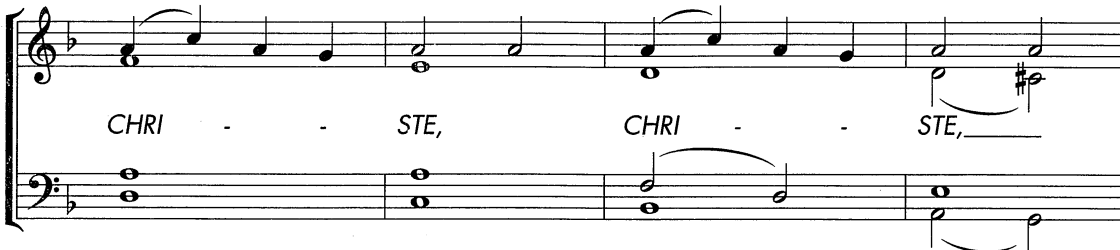
KYRIE *Please join the cantor in this call and response.*

gently

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. ALL: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.



Cantor: Chri - ste e - lei - son. ALL: CHRI - STE E - LEI - SON.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God,

C **by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Vicki Martinez

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah.

God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's old womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

L Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

[Jesus] 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 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Julie Ward

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Lord of Love

ELW #321

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

+ PRAYERS +

PRAYERS REFRAIN

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
 there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

INTERCESSIONS

Dustin Smith

Petitions are offered that end with:

- A We come to you for healing.
- C Have mercy, O God.

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.**

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THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

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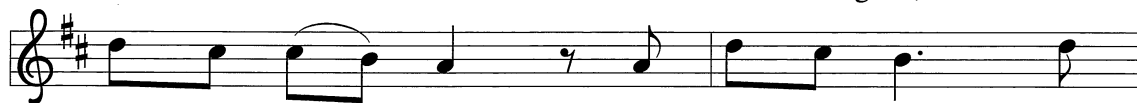
OFFERTORY

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

ELW#690



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
2 What good and blessing you bestow are
3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow, our



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.
forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Faithful God,

C you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with the bread of fellowship. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

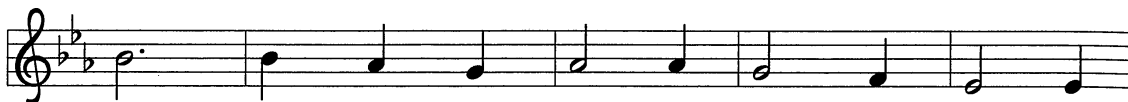
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ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Arr. Virginia Halberg

James Jelasic, piano



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Each Wednesday during Lent @ 7:00pm, we will reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, using readings from Mark's gospel and art based on those readings. During a time of great loss, we claim the gospel promise that "*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.*"

Members of Peace can expect a ZOOM invitation in their email inboxes each week on Wednesday afternoon. If you are not a regular constituent of Peace but would like to participate, you may contact Pastor Erik Kindem to request a link to the ZOOM gatherings.

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD

Our recent snowstorm last weekend caused a huge drop in blood collections. Over 800 donor appointments for whole blood or platelet donation were cancelled over a 3-day period, causing (in that timeframe) Bloodworks Northwest to collect just 52% of the blood components needed to support local patients. This week and next week, they are

trying to catch up. Please Help Bloodworks Northwest recover from snow storm blood collection losses by donating blood today! Please visit www.bloodworksnw.org to book your appointment!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are now available in the narthex for pick up. To save money, these will not be mailed out unless you really feel that you need one. Please let Kathleen in the office know if you would like it mailed.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The photo directories are available in the narthex for pick up as well. If you pick your directory up, please check your name off the list. If you don't want to wait and would like the directory mailed to you, please let Kathleen in the office know.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

We have Lenten devotionals available for every household at Peace. These are also available for pick up. They will be placed on the bench by the 39th street door. Again, please check your name off the list when you pick it up. The rest will be mailed. Let Kathleen know if you want it right away.

CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS @ 8:45am

Our current conversation focuses on Isabel Wilkerson book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. If you'd like to join the class via ZOOM, please let Pastor Erik know and he will send you an invitation on Sunday morning.

ABC'S, THE BIBLE, AND YOU—Hey, kids, are you age 3 through 2nd grade

and like stories? Join Julie and Melanie on Zoom for a Bible story each week. You'll also get to do crafts and sing fun, silly songs, and see you friends. Sounds like a blast! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:15 or so.

WHIRL KIDS calling all 2nd to 5th graders. Chris will meet you on Zoom for Whirl videos, digging into the Bible, and talking about life together. Don't miss out! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30. Resumes January 10.

GET CONNECTED - Middle & H. S. youth. Youth Sunday School is getting a facelift. After our winter break, we will change our format. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to log in Sundays from 9:45 to 10:30 or so.

FAITH LENS - High school youth and beyond are invited to discuss the current news stories and the weekly Gospel reading. There is a lot happening right now. Let's come together and try to make sense of it asking: "where is God in this story"? This class will meet at 9-9:45am. Having your breakfast or morning beverage close by is encouraged.

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Lector: Vicki Martinez
Children's Message: Julie Ward
Prayers: Dustin Smith
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