

*Introduction to the day: These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

## **GATHERING**

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

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### **OPENING SONG/PRELUDE**

*Forty Days*

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*(sung by Wing & A Prayer only)*

## **WELCOME**

*The congregation invited to stand as they are able and face the baptismal font.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

*Please remain standing and turn to face the altar as you are able.*

# GATHERING SONG *Here I Am to Worship*

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## VERSE

♩ = 75

E B<sup>sus</sup> F#m E B<sup>sus</sup> A<sup>2(no3)</sup>



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me \_\_\_ see. \_\_\_  
 2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a - bove. \_

5 E B<sup>sus</sup> F#m E B<sup>sus</sup> A<sup>2(no3)</sup>



Beau - ty that made this \_\_\_ heart a - dore - You, hope of a life spent with \_\_\_ You. \_\_\_  
 Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came \_\_\_ poor. \_

## CHORUS

9 B<sup>7sus</sup> E B/D# E/G#



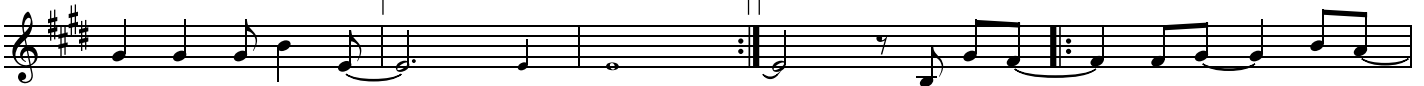
So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. .

13 A E B/D#



\_\_\_ And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

16 E/G# Last time to Coda 1. A A<sup>2(no3)</sup> 2. A BRIDGE B/D# E/G#



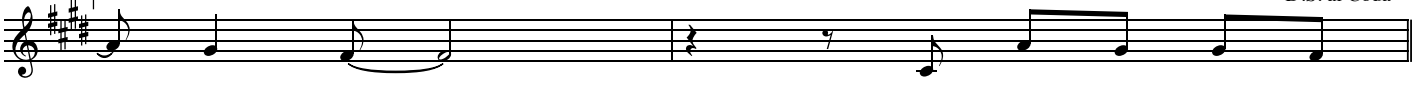
won - der - ful to me. \_\_\_ And I'll nev - er know \_\_\_ how much .

21 A B/D# E/G# 1. A



\_\_\_ it cost \_\_\_ to see \_\_\_ my sin \_\_\_ up - on \_\_\_ that cross. \_ And I'll nev -

24 2. A B<sup>7sus</sup> D.S. al Coda



\_\_\_ that cross. \_\_\_ So, here I am to

## 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.**

# KYRIE

## Kyrie

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Leader

In peace, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION



Lord. have mer cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



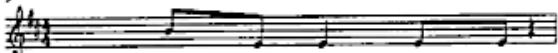
Lord have mer - cy.

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Leader

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION



Lord\_ have mer- cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

For peace in the world,  
for the health of God's church,  
and for all unity, let us pray  
to the Lord



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

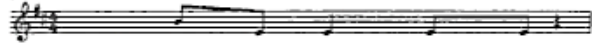
Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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*

CONGREGATION



Lord\_ have mer- cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

4

Leader

For this holy house,  
and we who offer praise, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION



Lord\_ have mer cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

Help, save, comfort and defend us,  
gracious Lord

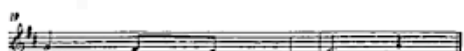
CONGREGATION



Lord. have mer- cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



A - - - - - men

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Jeri Wartena)

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

*A reading from Deuteronomy.*

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Jeri Wartena)

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust."**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.**

## **SECOND READING:** Romans 10:8b-13 (Jeri Wartena)

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

*A reading from Romans.*

<sup>8b</sup>“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **KIDS' MESSAGE** (Lisa Herlocker)

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able to welcome the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL:** Luke 4:1-13 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup>and

‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON** (Pastor Carolyn Brodt)

The congregation is invited to stand as they are able

## HYMN OF THE DAY *On Eagle's Wings* (WOV 779)

Leader or All

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,

say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain  
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

day; thou-ghs thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

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Leader or All  
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4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

## CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world and confess our shared faith using the words of the 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Jeri Wartena)

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Bless those who bake bread and prepare the table for our communion celebration. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The congregation may offer additional prayer concerns either aloud or in the chat box*

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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## **OFFERING**

*We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness we return to God a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us.  
Thank you so much for your continued support.*



## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Extravagant God,  
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.  
Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,  
our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,  
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
who joined us in our desert,  
pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the words of the language of our hearts.

**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**

Come to God's table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

*All are welcome to join in our communion celebration.  
Please follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the ushers.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able.*

## **SENDING**

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

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## **BLESSING**

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.  
**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

## *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

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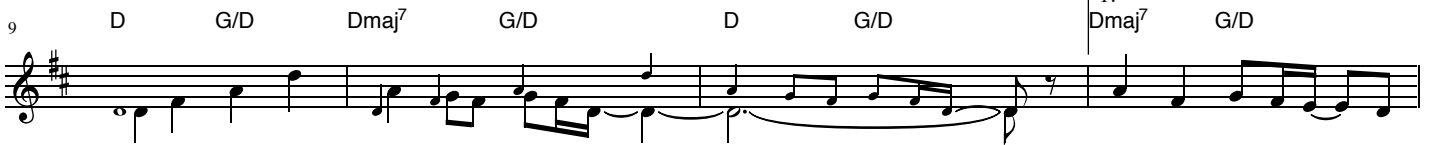
### VERSE 1a

5 D G/D Dmaj<sup>7</sup> G/D D G/D Dmaj<sup>7</sup> G/D



I will call up-on the Lord, who is wor-ty to be praised.  
(I will call up-on the Lord) (who is wor-ty to be

9 D G/D Dmaj<sup>7</sup> G/D D G/D 1. Dmaj<sup>7</sup> G/D



So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies. I will call up-on the  
praised.) (So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.)

### CHORUS 1a

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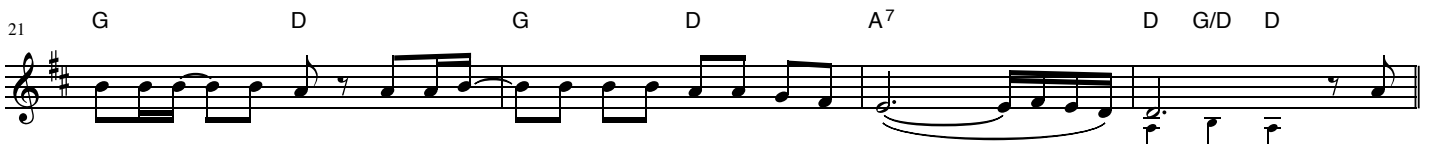
Lord. I will call up-on the Lord. The Lord liv-eth and

17 G D G D A A<sup>7</sup> D



bless-ed be my Rock. Let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The Lord liv-eth and

21 G D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G/D D



bless-ed be my Rock. Let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The

### CHORUS 1a

25 D G D G D A A<sup>7</sup>



Lord liv-eth and bless-ed be my Rock. Let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The

29 D G D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G/A



Lord liv-eth and bless-ed be my Rock. Let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed.

### VERSE 1a

34 D G/D Dmaj<sup>7</sup> G/D D G/D Dmaj<sup>7</sup> G/D



I will call up-on the Lord, who is wor-ty to be praised.  
(I will call up-on the Lord) (who is wor-ty to be

38 D G/D Dmaj<sup>7</sup> G/D D G/D Dmaj<sup>7</sup> G/D

So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up - on \_ the  
praised.) (So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies.) \_

42 **VERSE 1b** D B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup>

Lord, I will call up - on \_ the Lord, who is wor - thy to \_ be  
(I will call up - on \_ the Lord)

46 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup>

praised. So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies. (who is wor - thy to \_ be praised.) (So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies.) \_

50 **CHORUS 1b** E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

I will call up - on \_ the Lord. The Lord liv - eth and bless - ed be \_ my Rock. Let the God .

54 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

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58 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 **1.** E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> **2.** N.C. **CHORUS 1c** E

\_ of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The - ed. The Lord liv - eth, and

63 A E A E B B<sup>7</sup> E

bless - ed be \_ my Rock. Let the God of my \_ sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv - eth, and

67 A E A E B<sup>7</sup> E A/E E A/E E

bless - ed be \_ my Rock. Let the God of my \_ sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed! \_\_\_\_\_

Please be seated.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*After brief announcements related to the ministry of Bethel, the congregation is invited to stand and face the font.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God and we will.**