

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## MARCH 7, 2021



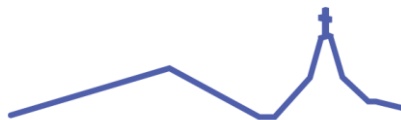
*This son of mine was dead and is alive again;  
he was lost and is found!*



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*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." ~Galatians 3:28*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP*

*Elegy from Songs without Words*

Felix Mendelssohn

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We do a land acknowledgment as a step toward healing for promises broken over the years.*

P: Here on the shores of the Salish Sea, on the traditional lands of the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam people, God gathers us in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

### *SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION*

P: Have mercy, O God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor. Some of our sin we know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed – but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that your peace may calm us and move us toward reconciliation with you, with our neighbor, and with our world. Amen**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen**

### OPENING HYMN

*Build a Longer Table*

#1062



*David Bjorlin/French Carol*

1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall, feed - ing those who hun - ger,
2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail; where the weak find shel - ter,
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence. Love pro - tects all peo - ple,
4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad, Christ be - came our door - way



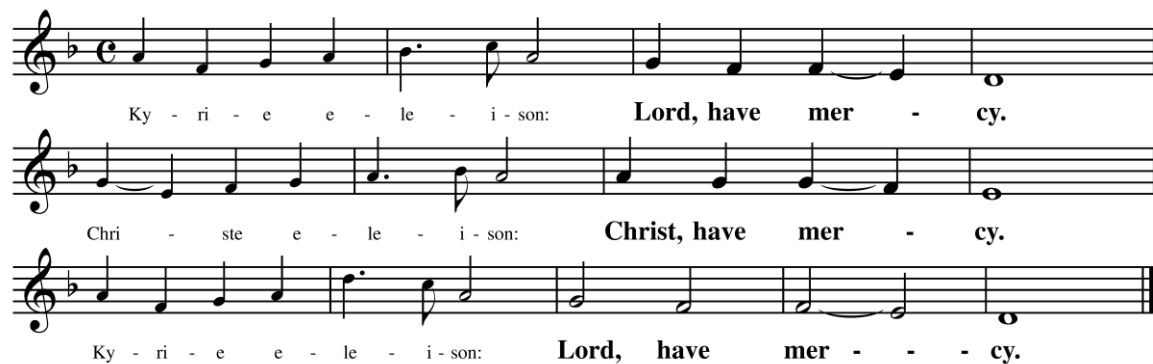
mak - ing room for all. Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
mer - cy will not fail. For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
spar - ing no ex - pense. When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
to the reign of God. So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



## APOSTOLIC 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

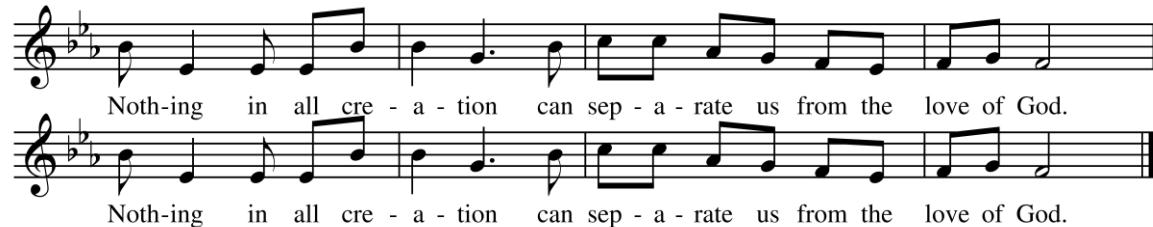


## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... **C: Amen**

## *GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## BIBLE READING

Luke 15:1-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors,

saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fattest calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattest calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattest calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Paul Davis

**SERMON**

Pastor Alison Shane

## PRAYERS

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: In Jesus' name. **C: Amen**

## OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: "But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him... The father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!'" We are recipients of God's scandalous generosity, and God calls us to live scandalously generous lives. To answer God's call to generosity, go to your faith home's online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Robert Robinson

Justin Pennington

## *GOD HEALS THE COMMUNITY IN THE MEAL*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

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

P: 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.

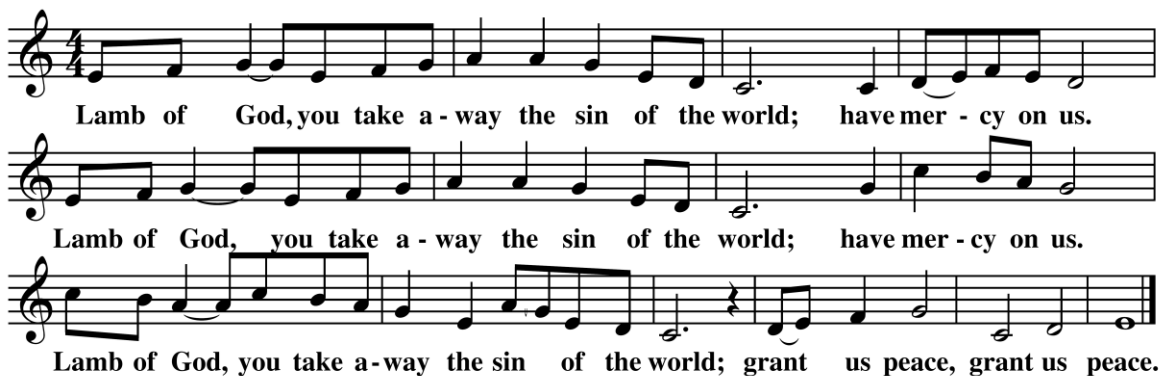
Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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**

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*We are gathered virtually today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the "Lamb of God," please gather your bread and wine, and then we will commune together.*



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.

### THE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

*When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:*

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

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten fast: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

### *GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE*

### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace. **C: Amen**

### SENDING HYMN

### *What Is the World Like*

#1047

*Adam M.L. Tice/Sally Ann Morris*



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|----------|-----|-----|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|--------|--------|------|-------|
| 1. What  | is  | the | world | like | when | God's | will | is   | done?  | Mus -  | tard | seeds |
| 2. What  | is  | the | world | like | when | God's | will | is   | done?  | Wit -  | ness | the   |
| 3. What  | is  | the | world | like | when | God's | will | is   | done?  | No     | more | is    |
| 4. What  | is  | the | world | like | when | God's | will | is   | done?  | Read - | y    | for   |
| 5. These | are | the | sto - | ries | that | Je -  | sus  | im - | parts, | filled | with | the   |

grow more than we can con-ceive; roots thread the soil; branch - es  
 wan - der - ing child com - ing home; watch as the par - ent breaks  
 neigh - bor just al - ly or friend; peace thrives in plac - es where  
 feast - ing, we watch through the night, tend - ing our lamps till the  
 Spir - it who joins us as one. Born through our voic - es, our

reach for the sun. This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
 in - to a run. This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
 once there was none. This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
 new day's be - gun. This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
 hands, and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done.

## SENDING

**P:** Strengthened by the promises God made to you in baptism, go and live your calling: Proclaim Christ through word and deed; serve all people and the world God made; strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

**C:** Okay, we will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

## PFLC VISION STATEMENT

*People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.*

## PFLC GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

## PFLC CORE VALUES

*Jesus is Lord – Worship – Compassion – Service*

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**Readings for next week:** Luke 16:19-31; Psalm 41:1-3