



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

## GATHERING

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

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip’s Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

### WELCOME

### PRAYER

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in C Minor Op. 28 No. 20”*

*Frederic Chopin*

## WORD

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

### PSALM 119: 9 - 16

- <sup>9</sup>How shall the young keep | their way clean?  
By keeping | to your word.
- <sup>10</sup>**With my whole | heart I seek you;  
let me not stray from | your commandments.**
- <sup>11</sup>I treasure your promise | in my heart,  
that I may not | sin against you.
- <sup>12</sup>**Blessed are | you, O LORD;  
instruct me | in your statutes. R**
- <sup>13</sup>With my lips | I recite  
all the judgments | of your mouth.
- <sup>14</sup>**I take greater delight in the way of | your decrees  
than in all man- | ner of riches.**
- <sup>15</sup>I will meditate on | your commandments  
and give attention | to your ways.
- <sup>16</sup>**My delight is | in your statutes;  
I will not for- | get your word. R**

## GOSPEL

### John 12: 20 - 33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1014

### When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer  
2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for  
3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may  
4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our

with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,  
bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and  
smile to greet the sun, to do your work with  
frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you

breathe your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.  
live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.  
clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.  
in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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# THANKSGIVING

*In everything  
Give  
Thanks.  
1 Thessalonians  
5:18*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

ANNOUNCEMENT

*"Finding Balance in a Pandemic", a skill building workshop.*

CARING in COMMUNITY

LORD'S PRAYER

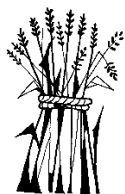
## SENDING

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

HYMN

ELW 465

### As the Grains of Wheat



*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

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1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen  
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## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Doris Pascoe	Reader
Brenna and Jack Kearns	Prayers of the People
Choir	The Lord's Prayer
Dr. Sarah Van Gaasbeek	Caring in Community
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Sending Hymn
Juliana	Additional Music during Offering
Arlene Somerville	Sending

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

#### PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/).

#### WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Lenten Evening Service, Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm during Lent after a community "soup" supper @ 6:00 pm. Watch for an email on Wednesday with the link.
- Zoom Cooking Classes, Wednesdays @ 2:00pm. Watch for link in Wednesday's email.
- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Or something else? Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.
- Neighbourhood Table @ Home: Deliver Good Food Boxes for 6 weeks to 45 families and 25 seniors. (February 18 – March 25)