



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

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*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*

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## GATHERING

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

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### PRELUDE

### 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 Anishinaabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

### WELCOME

### 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.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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,**

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**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.**

### **GATHERING SONG**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*vs. 1, 3* ELW 611

### **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**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

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### **FIRST READING**

***Isaiah 55: 1 - 9***

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is

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not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 63: 1 - 8**

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and  
weary land where there | is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,**  
**that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;  
my lips shall | give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long | as I live**  
**and lift up my hands | in your name.**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you up- | on my bed,**  
**and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have | been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>**My whole being | clings to you;**  
**your right hand | holds me fast.**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*Luke 13: 1 - 9*

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” <sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

ELW 726

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Merciful God,

Response: **receive our prayer.**

## MEAL

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

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## SHARING OF PEACE

### 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.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.  
Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

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The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds,  
you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.  
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.  
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.  
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths  
to praise you again:  
The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen.  
**Amen and amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Lamb of God"

ACS Setting 11

#### **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.**

# 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

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ELW 650

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Emily Savage	Reader
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Prayers
St. Philip's Choir	Music
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Ursula Stavnitsky, and Lynette.

## WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

- Wednesday Soup Suppers @ 6:00 pm w/ Evening Prayer @ 7:00 pm.
- Join in the Coffee Hour Sunday mornings after worship.
- Volunteer to set up or clean up for coffee hour – see sign-up sheet.
- Volunteer to bring in baked goods for coffee hour – see sign-up sheet.

## PASSING THE PLATE

Please place your offering on the plate in the centre aisle as we will not be passing the plate. Other options can be found on our website: [stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday	1:00 pm Zumba Gold 7:15 pm Joyful Noise Bell Choir
Tuesday	
Wednesday	10:00 am Cover Girls 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer 7:30 pm Vocal Choir
Thursday	4:00 pm Lenten Meditation on Zoom
Friday	

## VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

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