

WORSHIP GUIDE

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church ✠ Peachtree City, Georgia
March 29, 2020 ✠ 10:00 A.M. ✠ The Fifth Sunday in Lent

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

GREETING

CONFESSIONAL PSALM

Psalm 25:1-2, 4-7, 11

- A** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. **C** O my God, in you I trust.
A Make me know your ways, O Lord; **C** Teach me your paths.
A Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
C For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
A Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
C For they have been from of old.
A Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
C According to your steadfast love remember me.
A For your name's sake, O Lord, **C** Pardon my guilt, for it is great.



OPENING SONG: *Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine*

ELW, Hymn #638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

REFRAIN: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2** Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. REFRAIN
- 3** Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-4

Good News Translation

- ¹Israel, the LORD who created you says,
“Do not be afraid—I will save you. I have called you by name—you are mine.
²When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you.
When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you.
³For I am the LORD your God, the holy God of Israel, who saves you.
⁴I will give up whole nations to save your life, because you are precious to me
and because I love you and give you honor.”

GOSPEL: Mark 8:22-25

Good News Translation

- [Jesus and the Disciples] came to Bethsaida, where some people brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him to touch him. ²³Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. After spitting on the man's eyes, Jesus placed his hands on him and asked him, “Can you see anything?”
²⁴The man looked up and said, “Yes, I can see people, but they look like trees walking around.”
²⁵Jesus again placed his hands on the man's eyes. This time the man looked intently, his eyesight returned, and he saw everything clearly.

HOMILY

Pastor Miriam

DIALOGUE

- P** Some think of hope as a “winged thing,” flying serenely above the storms, untouched by the mundane earth. But the value of hope lies in its presence in our everyday lives, a constant earthly promise of ultimate fellowship with God. Rather than wings, Hope, if we choose to invite it, walks beside us as we travel. ▶

C God of all Hope and Mercy, keep us traveling along with you.

P As we travel through the bad and good, may hope walk beside us.
When we see no way to go, show us the way.

C Keep us traveling along with you.

P Give us courage when the world is rough. Keep us loving though the world is tough.

C God of all Hope and Mercy, keep us traveling along with you.

SONG OF THE DAY: *Light Dawns in a Weary World*

ELW, Hymn #726

1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

REFRAIN: The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. REFRAIN

3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. REFRAIN

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the Assistant concludes, "Hear us, O God," we respond: "Your mercy is great."

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.

OFFERING INVITATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and
purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

ELW Hymn #866

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,) we are marching in the light of God.

ADDITIONAL STANZAS: We are dancing . . . We are praying . . . We are singing . . .