



In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

**Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.**

For music, the words will be sung by the cantor and musicians **while the congregation hums.**

*Instructions for in-person worship.*

- ) Keep your mask on at all times.*
- ) Hum but do not sing the hymns.*
- ) Please keep a social distance of at least six feet from persons not in your same household.*
- ) Enjoy the presence of one another. As we “speak the peace,” wave, smile, make the sign of the Cross. Please do not embrace, hug, kiss, or elbow-bump anyone but for immediate family members you are seated with.*
- ) In using the restrooms, follow the capacity guidance posted outside the restroom doors. Practice safe hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water before leaving a restroom, and disinfecting your hands using a no-touch disinfectant dispenser located outside the restrooms.*
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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Sunday, March 14, 2021 • 10:45 a.m.*

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

# Confession and Forgiveness

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

*All may make the sign of the cross +,  
the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin,  
and heals our lives.

**Amen.**

Have mercy, O God,

**against you, you alone, we have sinned.**

**In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt.**

**Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

# Gathering Song • "Today in Your Presence"

Worship & Rejoice 450

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Fm7 E $\flat$ / $\bar{G}$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$ / $\bar{G}$  A $\flat$ / $\bar{B}\flat$  B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Fm7/ $\bar{C}$

1. To - day in Your pres - ence, Lord, o - pen our eyes To bless - ings that  
 2. To - day, God our Fa - ther, al - might - y, all - wise, With heart of a  
 3. To - day we will praise You, Great Sov - reign, our Friend, With all that we

B $\flat$ / $\bar{D}$  E $\flat$  E $\flat$ / $\bar{G}$  A $\flat$  A $\flat$ M9 A $\flat$ M7 B $\flat$ sus B $\flat$  B $\flat$  A $\flat$  A $\flat$ / $\bar{E}\flat$  E $\flat$  Gm7/ $\bar{D}$

come in a troub - ling dis - guise, To love's great ad - ven - tures, to  
 moth - er, at - tuned to our cries, You pour out a love we can  
 are, with the joy You in - tend. A - live in Your Spir - it, to -

Cm7 Cm Gm A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  E $\flat$ / $\bar{G}$  A $\flat$  Cm Fm A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ sus E $\flat$

praise o - ver - due, To all that is love - ly and no - ble and true.  
 nev - er re - pay, Un - bound - ed, un - chang - ing, and ev - er to - day.  
 day we pur - sue The priv - 'lege, the pleas - ure of liv - ing in You.

# 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 • “Lord, Have Mercy”

*All Creation Sings, Setting 12*

The musical score is written for three voices on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy. The score ends with a double bar line.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

# Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God,  
rich in mercy,  
by the humiliation of your Son  
you lifted up this fallen world  
and rescued us from the hopelessness of death.

Lead us into your light,  
that all our deeds may reflect your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# First Reading

A reading from Numbers.

## Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm 107 • “Give Thanks to the Lord”

*The Lyric Psalter, Year B • OneLicense #97872*

*Cantor and musicians sing verses;*

***congregation hums refrain while cantor/musicians sing.***



Give thanks to the Lord, give thanks to the Lord, his



love is ev - er - last - ing, his



love is ev - er - last - ing.

Some went down to the sea in ships,  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These have seen the deeds of the Lord,  
the wonders he does in the deep. ***Refrain.***

For he spoke and raised up the stormwind,  
tossing high the waves of the sea  
that surged to the heavens and dropped to the depths.  
Their souls melted away in their distress. ***Refrain.***

Then they cried to the Lord in their need,  
and he rescued them from their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed. ***Refrain.***

They rejoiced because of the calm,  
and he led them to the haven they desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men. ***Refrain.***

# Second Reading

A reading from Ephesians.

## Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation • “Lenten Acclamation”

*All Creation Sings, Setting 12*



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

# Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:]

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

“...it never ceases, does it?...”

Pastor Kim Latterell.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

# Hymn of the Day • “God Loved the World So Much”

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1. God loved the world so much— this we know, this we know; God  
2. When peo - ple heard his voice, all were changed, all were changed; when

5. Shall we who bear his name, stay the same, stay the same? Shall



loved the world so much— this we know; God loved the world so  
peo - ple heard his voice all were changed; when peo - ple heard his

we who bear his name stay the same? Or shall we turn our



much, the world, not just the church, that Christ came in - to touch, in - to  
voice, some ran - kled, some re - joiced: he came to vin - di - cate what was

face to - wards a dif - f'rent place and, hear - ing words of grace meant for



time, in - to view, de - clar - ing he would make all things new.  
right, what was right, ex - pose de - ceit and spread truth and light.

all, meant for all, re - spond to Je - sus' prom - ise and call?

# Apostles' Creed

Together, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
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

“Christian perfection is to fear God earnestly with the whole heart and yet also to have a sincere confidence, faith, and trust that we have a gracious, merciful God because of Jesus Christ; that we may and should pray for and request from God whatever we need and confidently expect help from God in all affliction.” [*The Augsburg Confession*]

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
**God’s mercies never come to an end.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you,  
O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

*You can mail an offering to:*

Mountain View Lutheran Church  
3505 - 122nd Ave E  
Edgewood WA 98372

*Ways that you can give electronically:*

## TEXT

- Text “Give” to 253-292-9599.
- You will be sent a message to (a) text your giving amount and/or (b) set up recurring giving.

## ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

- Visit [www.mtviewlutheran.org](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org).
- Hover over the “GIVE” dropbox.
- Choose “Make a Donation via Bank Account” or “Make a Donation via Credit/Debit Card.”
- Fill out all information on the page and then click the blue “GIVE” button.
- If you want it to remember your information, visit “SIGN IN” and create an account.
- NOTE: Online giving is a one-time gift unless you check “Make this Gift Recurring.”

# Offertory

*“Love Is All Our Joy” • arr. Malcom Archer*  
*MVLC Mini Choir*



# Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**Faithful God,  
you walk beside us in desert places,  
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.  
Accompany us in this meal,  
that we may pass over from death to life  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

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

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

We 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, at all times and in all places  
to 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 indeed come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Sanctus • “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*All Creation Sings, Setting 12*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# Thanksgiving at the Table

O God how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
We praise you for the heart of Jesus,  
so filled with your love for this earth.

**Amen.**

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.

O God, 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.

**Amen, and amen.**

# Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

# Communion Song • “Lamb of God”

*All Creation Sings, Setting 12*



The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on'. The second staff contains 'us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have'. The third staff contains 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The fourth staff contains 'world; grant us peace, grant us peace.' and ends with a double bar line.

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.

## Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love,  
at this table you gather your people  
into one body for the sake of the world.  
Send us in the power of your Spirit,  
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# Deacon Sending

Deacons are called to “make Christ  
and his redemptive love known by word and example.”

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion  
to those who are homebound or hospitalized,  
and often lonely as well.

*Deacons for the week are named.*

Gracious God,

**whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,  
bless those who go forth  
to share your word and sacrament  
with our sisters and brothers who are sick and homebound.**

**In your love and care, nourish and strengthen  
those to whom we bring this communion  
in the body and blood of your Son,  
that all may feast upon your abundant love  
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Blessing

You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**Amen.**

# Sending Hymn • "Amazing Grace"

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1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to



sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
 fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
 me, His word my hope se - cures;



I once was lost, but now am  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap -  
 He will my shield and por - tion



found, Was blind, but now I see.  
 pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 be As long as life en - dures.

# Sending

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Postlude

# Worship Attendance

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# LIFE TOGETHER AT MVLC / SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday 3/17 • 7:00 p.m. • MVLC parking lot

**Park 'n' Ponder: Praise** • Lenten midweek worship service

Sunday 3/21 • 9:00 a.m. • via Zoom

**Ministry Site Profile** • adult education conversation

Sunday 3/21 • 10:45 a.m. • in-person and livestream

**Fifth Sunday in Lent** • worship service

Wednesday 3/24 • 7:00 p.m. • MVLC parking lot

**Park 'n' Ponder: Proclaim** • Lenten midweek worship service

Sunday 3/28 • 10:00 a.m. • in-person

**Rock Ministry** • at MVLC

Sunday 3/28 • 8:15 a.m. *and* 10:45 a.m. • in-person and livestream

**Palm Sunday** • worship services

Thursday 4/1 • 7:00 p.m. • in-person and livestream

**Maundy Thursday** • worship service

Friday 4/2 • 7:00 p.m. • in-person and livestream

**Good Friday** • worship service

Saturday 4/3 • 7:00 p.m. • in-person and livestream

**Easter Vigil** • worship service

Sunday 4/4 • 8:15 a.m. *and* 10:45 a.m. • in-person and livestream

**Easter Sunday** • worship services

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