

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.
-) Please do not attend worship if are currently sick with any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, nausea, or diarrhea.
-) Please do not attend worship if you had close personal contact with anyone who has been diagnosed or is awaiting test results for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
-) Notify the Church Office if you receive a positive COVID-19 test result within 7 days of attending a worship service. Your name will be kept anonymous unless required for reporting to the Department of Health.

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



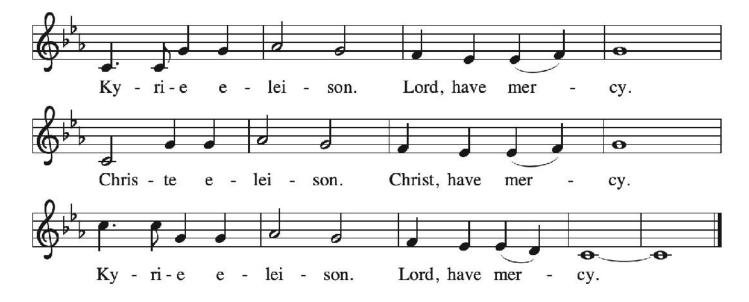
Greeting

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



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.



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.

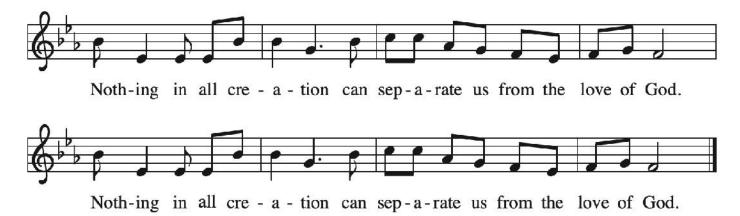
But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come 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



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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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.
-) 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



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

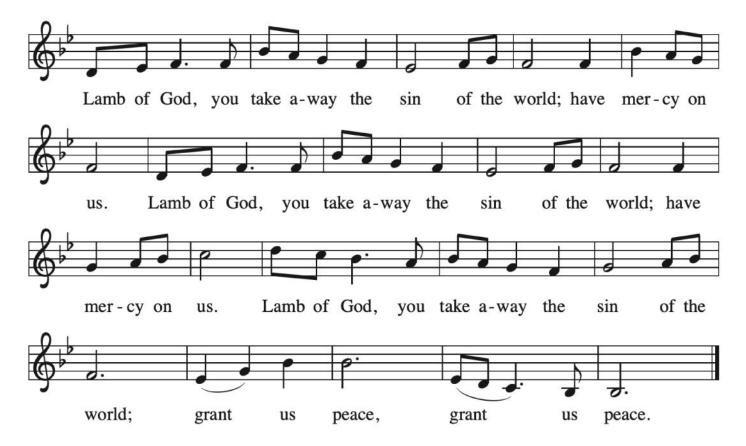
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Song • "Lamb of God"

All Creation Sings, Setting 12



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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Sending

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Attendance

Please register your worship attendance online at www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance

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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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