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March 19, 2023 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m. Setting - Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen

INTRODUCTION

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 18.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

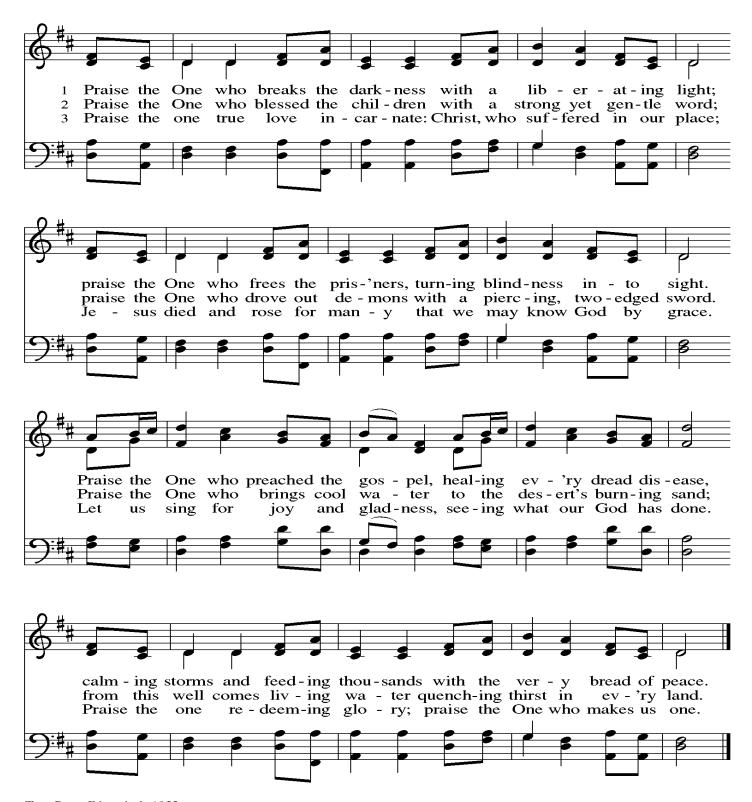
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GATHERING

GATHERING SONG Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843

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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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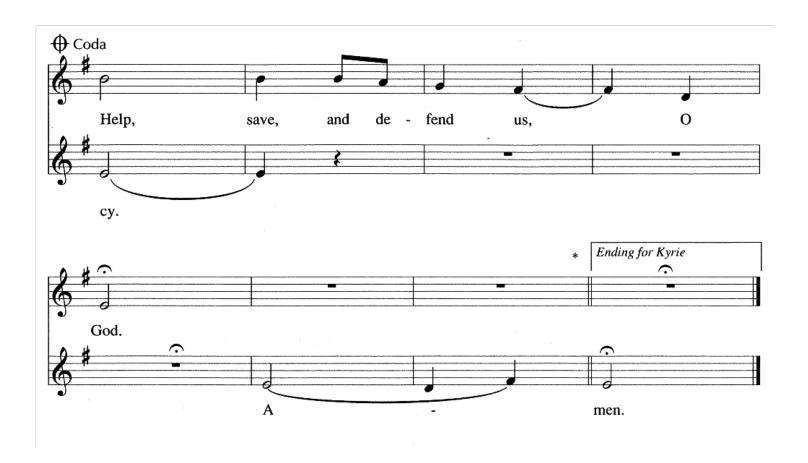
GREETING

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.**

CHILDREN GO TO JAM

The Children are invited to come forward. The children are dismissed for Children's Jam, Sunday School, returning during the Peace.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 23 Spoken responsively

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me be-iside still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall | fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

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The Holy gospel according to John, the 9th Chapter. Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Mark Patzke

A brief silence for reflection.

Please stand if you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY Lead Me, Guide Me ELW 768

Lead Me, Guide Me



CREED

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 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Prayers conclude with:

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

<u>MEAL</u>

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say: **Peace be with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

Special Piano Music

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY ELW 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

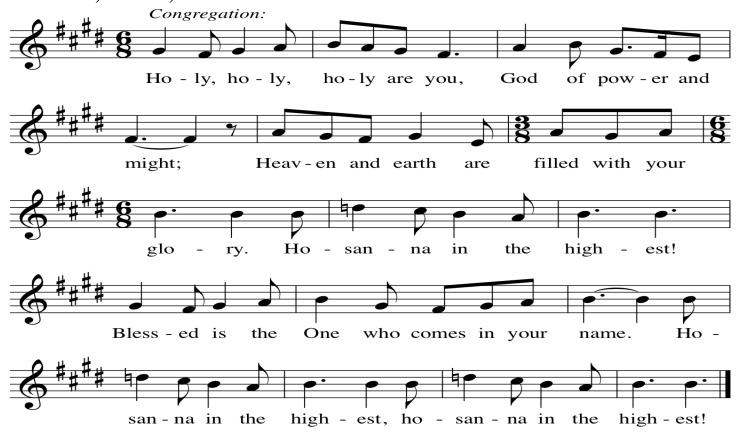
PREFACE

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.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life...

...Grace our table with your presence.

Come Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come Holy Spirit.

...We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

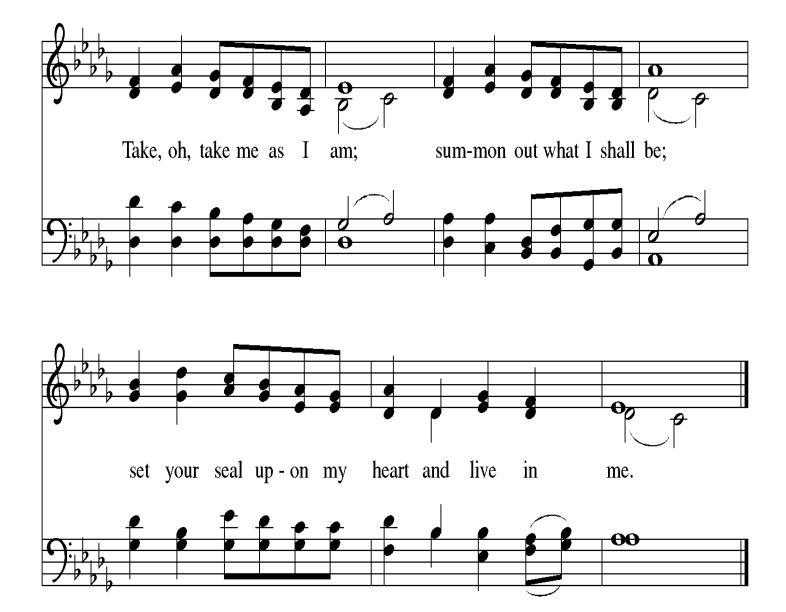
The Lord's table is open to all worshipers from all denominations who wish to share in God's blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is in the bread and wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

Please let the usher know if you need assistance.



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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God. at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

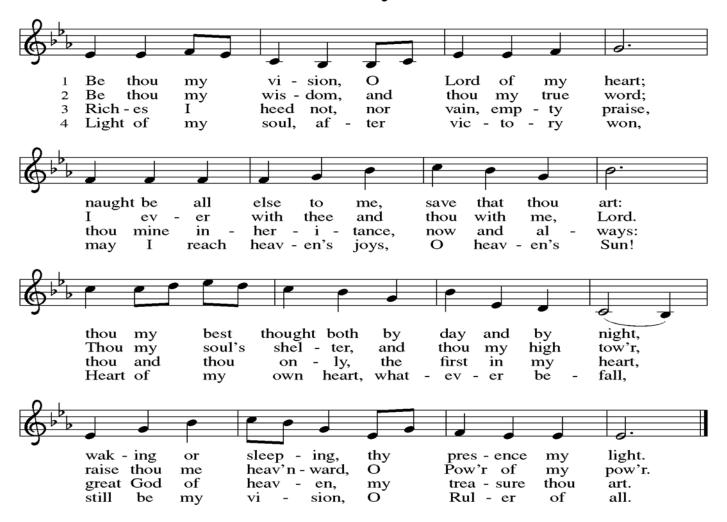
God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Be Though My Vision

ELW 793

Be Thou My Vision



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God!

| Disciples Serving: | Today | Next Sunday |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister: | Jerry Vargues | Cyrisse Cooley |
| Lector: | Sue Kastelic | Sue Kastelic |
| Presider: | Pastor Mark Patzke | Pastor Karen Matuska |
| Pianist: | Dr. J. Michael Beck | Dr. J. Michael Beck |
| Altar Guild: | Sue Kastelic | Sue Kastelic |
| Ushers/Greeters: | Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues | Sue Kastelic/Jerry Vargues |
| Counters: | Kathy Lambert/Sue Kastelic | Dorothy Hanscom/Cassie Walgren |

PRAYERS

Members, Friends and Relatives **Added by Members** Doris Ask People of Tabor **Judy Davis** Sister of Donna Tittel Shirley DeRungs People of Tabor Virgie Giannetto Lynn Truxell Sister of Nancy Piazza Janet Johnson Niece of Nancy Piazza Jean Reistad People of Tabor Pam Salas Husband of Denise Tristano **Bob Tristano** Son of Roger & Lynn Truxell Aaron Truxell Truxell & Vargues Families Lynn Truxell Truxell & Vargues Families Marvin Truxell Brooklyn Youngblood Janis Youngblood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Easter Lilies to decorate the church for Easter are available to purchase for \$15. Sign-up sheet and payment envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.
- Choir practice for the Easter Season will be held after coffee hour every Sunday until Palm Sunday in the sanctuary. If anyone would like to join choir, please come to practice.
- We will be having Easter Breakfast at 8:30am on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Council will provide the main dish. Please sign up to bring breakfast breads/muffins, fruit and juice, as well as setup and clean up. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.
- Our Easter Egg Hunt will be after church on Easter Sunday. All children ages 3 to elementary school are invited. Please bring your own basket and join in the fun!
- Volunteers are needed to be a Lector during Sunday service.
- We are looking for a Choir Director. Please contact Denise Tristano if you are interested.
- We are looking for a director for our JAM program starting in the fall of 2023. If you are interested, please contact Helen Philipsen.

BIRTHDAYS

March 24 Nina Jesmain
March 24 Anthony Martinet