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LENT 2025
Where Grace is Served

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The 40 day Season of Lent is about following Jesus to the cross and preparing our hearts, minds, and lives for Easter. Our theme this year is "Where Grace is Served." Jesus takes the long road to the cross to show us the depth of God's mercy. May you experience the unconditional love of Jesus in worship today.

THE PRELUDE

Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Harrison Michael, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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**Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'r-ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and ever-more,
feed me now and ever-more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv-'rer, strong deliv-'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forever-more, I will raise forever-more.**

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

THE CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

(Moment of silence. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy") by Matt Maher
Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

In the midst of fear and violence, make our lives a prayer of peace.

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.** Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Healer of the broken-hearted, guide us to heaven's shores.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

Melody Lieber

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

(The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**)

THE GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: On Eagle's Wings

#787 vv. 1-2, 4

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**

Refrain:

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. (Refrain.)**

**For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot against a stone. (Refrain.)**

THE MESSAGE: "Testing 1...2...3..."

Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Andy Degan

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (sing 2x)

#814

**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each petition - Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

This is the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Lord, give us this bread always. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communicating children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:

Lamb of God (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

#728

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain.)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;

shine for all to see. (Refrain.)

Here Is Bread

#483

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain:

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (Refrain.)

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. (Refrain.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSINGS

THE SENDING HYMN: Be Thou My Vision

#793 vv. 1-2, 4

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,

raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Light of my soul, after vic-to-ry won,

may I reach heav-en's joys, O heav-en's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-fall,

still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SENDING WORDS

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee Prep: Katherine Dickinson; Communion: Barbara Keim & Sonja Krafcik; Lector: Brenda Gaumer; Ushers: Judy Ross & Lisa Zylstra; Welcome Table: Kathy Martino. **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Melody Bacon & Susie Boland; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Lector: Melody Bacon; Ushers: David & Susan Warneke; Welcome Table: Gini Sherwood. **5pm:** Communion & Lector: Carol Simpson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS provided by Nadine Graven in remembrance of her dear, sweet brother, Michael Graven. Rest in peace.

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT - (March 7-9) in Tempe, AZ. The men return home today at about 4pm. Please pray for their safe return.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL - Please pick up your copy at the Welcome Table. Large print is also available.

EASTER LILIES - To honor or remember a loved one this Holy season, you may wish to purchase a lily for our Easter worship. Cost: \$10 per plant. Forms are available at the Welcome Table.

LENTEN THEME: *Where Grace is Served.* Each Wednesday, a different member will share their faith story and how hospitality, meals, and Holy Communion are all a part of their journey.

LENTEN OFFERING BOXES available at the Welcome Table. This year offerings will go to Disaster Response (Wildfires) and World Central Kitchen. Return them to Gloria Dei by April 13.

FIRST COMMUNION preparation for children is 3 consecutive Wednesdays at 5:15pm: March 12, 19 & 26. Each child & a parent meet with Pastor David in the Sanctuary. See sign-up for details.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP will be every Wednesday at 6pm with Lenten worship at 6:30pm from March 12 - April 9. If you want to bring soup to share, sign up at the Welcome Table.

ART GATHERING - Monthly gathering on Friday, March 14, 6:30pm, Bankson Hall. Art & Theology series is looking at stone memorials and found objects. And talking about the Easter art project!

LOS ANGELITOS ORPHANAGE TRIP - Sat., March 15, 7am - 7pm. If interested, sign up at the Welcome Table. Passport required. If you can't attend, but want to help, contact Eric Houser for donation ideas.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT - Jr. & Sr. High youth meet at Serra's Pantry in SJC, 9am - 12pm, March 15. Friends are welcome to join in. Volunteer hours. Contact Paige Gulck at youth@mygloriadei.org.

YOUNG COUPLES WITH KIDS - Sunday, March 30, 11am-1pm. River Street Marketplace (food, fellowship, kid friendly), SJC. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Questions, please contact the office.

YOUNG ADULT (20-30s/no kids) - Fellowship/Friendship group meets the last Sunday/month. Next meeting, Sunday, March 30, 11:15am (Stack's Pancake House (34255 Pacific Coast Hwy, Unit 110, Dana Point, CA. Questions, speak with Lindsey Engel.

MIRABELL TRIO CONCERT - April 4, 5pm, Sanctuary. Gloria Dei concert series begins with chamber music - Julie Ayer (violin), Karen Follingstad (piano), and Martha Lippi (cello).

SUNDAY SCHOOL (preschool-5th grade) meets during both morning services. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion.

HOSPITALITY - Pacifica Synod Assembly - Offer a room to those attending the assembly who may not be able to afford a hotel, May 15 and 16; or just Friday, May 16. See the sign-up for details.

OFFERING - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY takes place every Wednesday, 10am, Knudson Hall. This study is led by Pastor David or Deacon Daneen. All women are invited to join at any time!

GRIEF HEALING GROUP - Meets on Thursdays at 1pm in Knudson Hall. The group meets weekly on Thursday. All in need are welcome to join at any time. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table.

DEI-LY UPDATES - Gloria Dei provides weekly email news for friends and members. This is church & ministry news only. If you would like to receive updates, go to the website: mygloriadei.org & sign up.

XTRA PRAYERS - If you would like extra prayer, please visit with Deacon Daneen and other people at the Prayer Candle Station (near organ pipes) after worship. They are happy to pray with you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 9 - 15, 2025

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Men's Spring Training Retreat (day 3)

Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)

Tuesday: AA Meeting (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild General Meeting (9am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); VFW Auxiliary (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Church Council Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Surfside Quilters Guild (9am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Saddleback Conference Meeting (11:30am); First Communion Instruction (5:15pm); Lenten Soup Supper (6pm); Lenten Worship (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Grief Healing (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Dana Hills Baja Study Planning Meeting (6pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Friday: Preschool Bike-a-thon Fundraiser (9am); Al Anon Meeting (10am); Art Gathering (6:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men (7am); Los Angelitos Orphanage Trip (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm); Ukrainian Worship (2pm)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ Prayer Labyrinth (April 12)
- ❖ Women's Tea (April 26)
- ❖ Blood Drive (May 7)
- ❖ Pacifica Synod Assembly (May 15 - 17)
- ❖ Couples with Young Kids Beach Play Date (May 18)
- ❖ Annual Church Campout (June 6-8)
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (June 16-20)
- ❖ 60th Anniversary of GDLC/Party and Dinner (September 19)
- ❖ Women's Retreat (October 3-5)