

**Worship Plan for Sunday, March 6, 2022**  
First Sunday in Lent, Year C  
Zion Lutheran Church



**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- On behalf of the Zion Church Family, a very warm welcome to our guests, friends, and family. We are so pleased you are with us. Welcome to Zion!
- If you are here by Zoom or by phone, a special welcome to you as well. You can find our bulletin on our website, or you are welcome to just listen along.
- For this morning's worship, we will have Holy Communion with bread and wine received at the rail. Instructions will be given at that time. If at home, you will need bread and wine to participate.
- Finally, we ask that you wear a mask and maintain distance from those outside of your household for the duration of our time together.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE AND CENTERING**

*You are invited to center yourself in this worship through a moment of prayer.*

- *Breath Prayer – breathe deeply, recognizing God's own breath in your breath, God's presence within and beside you.*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P As we follow Jesus into the wilderness during these Lenten forty days, we are bold to confess our brokenness and to ask for God's healing.

A We confess that we have wandered far from you:

**C We have not trusted your promises,**

A We have ignored your prophets in our own day,

**C We have squandered our inheritance of grace,**

A We have failed to recognize you in our midst.

**C Create in us clean heart, O God,**

A and renew a right spirit within us.

**C Do not remove us from your presence;**

A do not take your Spirit away.

**C Restore to us the joy of our salvation,**

A and sustain us with your Spirit.

P Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.

In ☩ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you, renews you, and teaches you how to live in love.

**C Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN ELW #618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
  
- 2 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.
  
- 3 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 forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

**\*GREETING**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

## \*KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

5  
Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy on us O Lord.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems. The first system has five measures of music. The second system starts at measure 5 and also has five measures. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal line is simple and clear, with lyrics written below the notes.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORD

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*p. 158-159 Pew Bible*

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 labour 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.

**C      Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

Score

God will give the an-gels charge o-ver you, to guard you in all your ways.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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**\*GOSPEL**

Luke 4:1-13

*p. 835, Pew Bible*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 tempted 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 their glory and all this authority; 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 took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying 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.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON - ELW #787 On Eagle's Wings**

**SERMON**

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 320 The Glory of These Forty Days**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A We pray for the church. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others; we pray for all who despair, and for all who still dare to hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for the earth and all its creatures, and for bold, adaptive leadership in the face of urgent climate change. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for the nations of the world. For the people of Ukraine, for conscripted Russian soldiers, for war zone reporters, for the leaders of the nations; that all your beloved might live in safety and freedom from fear. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Be with transgender children and their families. Command your angels concerning all who are sick *especially* Awald, Virginia, Donna, Clyde, Donna, Susan, Shiloh, and the family of Kathy. Merciful God,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray finally for those we love (pause). We lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

**\*PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Please share the peace with your neighbor.

## THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ, who comes to us in love.*

### OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray together. Extravagant God,  
C **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.**  
Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen.

#### \*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **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:

# \*SANCTUS

Score

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

TFF #32

The image shows a musical score for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might, heav-en and". The second system starts at measure 7 and continues with the lyrics: "earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in... the high - est!". The piano part features chords and rhythmic patterns in both hands.

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION (p. 84 TFF)

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
You have brought us this far along the way  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
But guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets  
To make known your loving will for all humanity  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
Our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
To preach good news to the afflicted,  
To break bread with the outcast and despised,  
And to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us taught us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

P Food and drink for your Lenten journey. Take and be nourished, for it is God who feeds you.

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

ELW #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW #624 Jesus, Still Lead On

## POST-COMMUNION SONG

### Thank You, Lord



1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,  
2 Been so good, been so good,  
3 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord,



thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
been so good, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
love you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: traditional

Music: THANK YOU, LORD, traditional

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** Now that you have tasted the goodness of God in bread and wine, let us be the body of Christ, blessed and broken for the whole world.

**C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Most High God, you have come among us at this table.

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**C** **Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING

**P** You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
‡ bless you this day and always.

**C** **Amen.**

#### \*CLOSING HYMN ELW #840 Now Thank We All Our God

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

**\*DISMISSAL & PEACE**

A Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C Thanks be to God, (*and WE WILL*)

**POSTLUDE**