



GOOD SAMARITAN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Followers of Jesus, with open minds
and hearts to serve*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025 | Good Samaritan Episcopal Church | 10:00 a.m.

As the prelude music begins, please prepare yourself for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lucy Karam

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

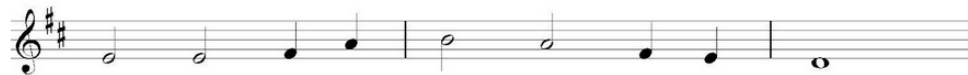
Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Mark 12:29-31

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

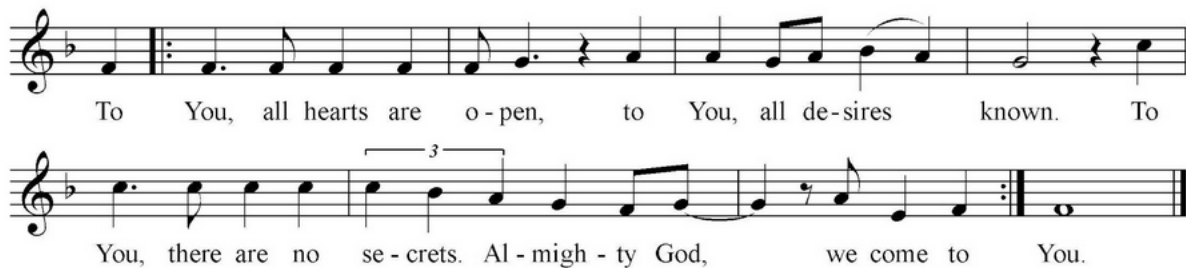
Silence may be kept.

All

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant/Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY



To You, all hearts are o - pen, to You, all de-sires known. To
You, there are no se - crets. Al - migh - ty God, we come to You.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 5:9-12

Reader A Reading from the book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

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***Refrain:* Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true in heart.**

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long. ***(Refrain)***

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. ***(Refrain)***

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye." ***(Refrain)***

"Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. ***(Refrain)***

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Reader Today's second lesson is taken from the book of Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Anon. Canadian

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lis - ten to the word that God has spo - ken;
listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that be -
gan cre - a - tion; lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Jesus Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father,

and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Jesus Christ.

Repeat The Sequence - Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

We invite all 1st through 5th graders to join Story Share with our Good Sam's kids & youth leaders.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Yvonne Brandenburg

Please stand as you are able.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV

Litanist Forgive God Almighty, you watch for us with a loving heart, welcoming us home to you. Give us the grace to see our path clearly and correct our course when we are led astray. Hear and answer our prayers to you as we say, Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Send your message of love to the world through us, that we might be examples of your good news to those who know us. Use our hearts and hands to your purpose. Open our mouths to advocate for the poor. Give us ears that hear the cries of the lonely, the forgotten, the imprisoned, and the poor. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Turn our foolish hearts from hate and division and unite us in a bond of love that will not tolerate persecution, violence, or waste. Give our leaders the desire for true service to your people and a passion for bringing peace to all nations. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Give strength to those who are afraid, to those who are facing diagnoses, disaster, or loss. Comfort them with your spirit of hope and restore those things which have been lost. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Turn us away from bitterness and hopelessness. Give healing to those who are ill, peace to those of anxious heart or defeated spirit, that they might find wholeness of body, mind, and soul. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist Give comfort to those who grieve and care to those who have died, and grant that we might all know resurrected life in your new age. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Litanist In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our church and for The Rev. James T. Said. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant As is our custom, whom else shall we pray for?

Celebrant Father, you rejoice when what is lost becomes found in you; search our hearts and keep them ever focused on the abundant life we find in you, your Son and in the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We are open minded followers of Jesus who focus on loving, serving, and including all people.
No exceptions.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All Belong Here

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, Bm7, G, A, D, Bm7, G. The lyrics are: "Come and re-mem - ber who you are here. Do this to — re - mem - ber who I am. Come and re - mem - ber you be - long here. All be - long here." A note above the final measure of the second line reads "2nd time to Bridge last time hold on G chord".

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Please stand as you are able.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS

St. Michaels

Moderato ♩ = 112

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
 might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who are followers of Christ, regardless of your church background (or not!), are warmly welcome to receive the gifts of bread and wine (non-alcoholic is also available) in Holy Communion. Come forward and the priest (or assisting clergy) will place a piece of bread into your palm. Gluten-free bread is available; simply ask the minister. You may either drink from the cup or cross your arms over your chest to pass the wine. Receiving bread only is still considered full communion if you prefer not to receive the wine at this time. If you do not wish to receive bread and wine, we welcome you to come forward anyway and to cross your arms over your chest. The priest will say a prayer for God's blessing upon you.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION Behold, I Make All Things New

John Bell

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
gin - ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -
hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
prom - ise is true, for I am Christ, the way.

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Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Our worship is over; now our service begins!

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With thanks to those who serve today!

<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Yvonne Brandenburg
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. James T. Said
<i>Gospeller</i>	The Rev. Dr. Amy Lindeman Allen
<i>Readers</i>	Christa Nierzwick & Mike Kennedy
<i>Litanist</i>	Leisa Kennedy
<i>Chalice</i>	Karen Farmer & Dean Cantwell
<i>Altar Guild & Prep</i>	JoAnn Bailey & Susie Main
<i>Ushers</i>	Andrew Baum, Erin Tanner, Don Noeller, & Scott Lockhart
<i>Acolytes</i>	Aidan Cordry & Lucy Mitchell
<i>Greeters</i>	Roger Johns & Joe Rodriguez
<i>Director of Music</i>	Kendall Ludwig
<i>Musician in Residence</i>	Ann Lovko
<i>Directors of Hospitality</i>	Susan Davis & Burnie Wilkins
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<i>Bishop's Committee Member on Duty</i>	Christa Nierzwick
<i>Dir. of Children's, Youth, & Family Ministries</i>	Barbie Russell
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