

Sundays of Lent 2026

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4th Sunday of Lent

Messiah Lutheran Church

Amherst, NH



Mass of Steady Light

liturgical musical setting by Jon Abrams

Dedicated with gratitude to those who gather, sing, and trust the work of worship.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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.

John Alden

Voice

5 9

Ky - ri — e — e — lei — son — ky - ri — e — e —

13

le - i - son — Chri — ste — e — lei — son — Chri —

17 21

ste — e — lei — son — ky - ri — e — e — lei — son —

25

e — le — i — son —

John Alden

Voice

5 9

Glory to God — in the high — est and peace to His peo - ple, the

13

peo - ple on earth — Glory to God in the high — est and

17 21

peace to His peo - ple on earth — Lord, God heaven - ly King al -

25

migh - ty God and Father we wor - ship You — we give You thanks — we

29

praise You for Your glo — ry Glory to God — in the high —

—est and peace to His peo - ple on earth— Lord Je—sus Chirst on—ly

Son of the Fa—ther Lord God—Lamb of God— You take a - way

— the sin of the world— have mercy — on us — Glory to

God— in the high— est and peace to His people on earth—

seated are you — at the right hand of God the Father — re-

-ceive our prayer For you a-lone are the ho-ly one You a-lone are the Lord

You a-lone are most high Jesus Christ — with the spi-rit most ho— ly the

Glo - ry of God. Glory to God in the high— est and peace to His

peo - ple His peo - ple His peo - ple peace to His peo— ple His peo—

— ple on earth A — men

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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the 16th chapter of 1 Samuel:

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

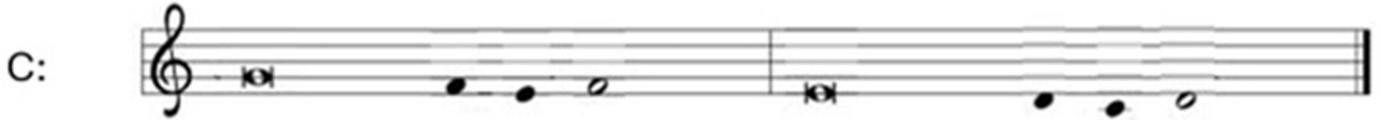
⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

MLC Psalm Tone I

MLC Psalm tones by J. Abrams 2024



¹ The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³ You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though 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.**

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

⁶ **Surely 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

A reading from the 5th chapter of Ephesians:

⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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Grandma's Piano

Praise to you, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal glo-ry. Praise to you O Christ
Praise to the Lord Our God I am the light of the world, says the Lord The one who fol-lows me
will have the light of life

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel according to John the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

APOSTLES' 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 to the dead. 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 INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community (*here local congregations may be named*) and across the globe (*here international companion churches and synods may be named*) in right paths for your name's sake.

... Hear us, oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters.

... Hear us, oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy.

... Hear us, oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day (*especially*) Claudette Briere, Ed Costa, Norm and Polly Cote, Deloris Jay, Carol Clark, Elia Herlinda Soteldo Cuica, Kayann Laughlin, Timothy Alexander, The Wurst Family, Shelly Stama, Eric Ball, Connor McCaffrey, Marc Bouchard, Jeffery Lindenberg, Jim Bellig, Diane Hazel, Phil Stinnett, Susan Poutre, Krista Seckinger, Carly King, Christine Covell, the Demello family, John and Wilma Minnick, Karma, Barbara Scholz, Carly Hoeni, Phil Nurmi.

... Hear us, oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries including Share, bless the efforts of AMMPARO, the ELCA congregations of the New Hampshire conference, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Disaster Response, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire, Border Servant Corps, His mansion.

... Hear us, oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all.

... Hear us, oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever.

... Hear us, oh God, **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED / VAYA CON DIOS

Maikol, Marialys, Maikel, Maximiliano, Maikol and Maikelys, as you leave this community to return to Venezuela, we wish to send you with God's blessing.

A reading from Jeremiah:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Maikol, Marialys, Maikel, Maximiliano, Maikol y Maikelys, al dejar esta comunidad para regresar a Venezuela, deseamos enviarte con la bendición de Dios.

Lectura de Jeremías:

Porque yo sé muy bien los planes que tengo para ustedes —dice el Señor—, planes de bienestar y no de calamidad, para darles un futuro con esperanza.

Jeremías 29:11

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for Maikol, Marialys, Maikel, Maximiliano, Maikol and Maikelys. You have called us together in community, and now we prepare to say farewell. As they have been a blessing to us, so too may they be a blessing to others wherever they go. Sustain them with hope, courage, and trust that your Holy Spirit will always be with them, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Words of thanksgiving and gratitude

You have been a blessing to us.

We now bless you as we say farewell.

Let us pray...

From ELW Evening Prayer (p. 317)
(aka The Holden Prayer)

O God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the
ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good
courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. **

Oremos.

Dios misericordioso, te damos gracias por Maikol, Marialys, Maikel, Maximiliano, Maikol y Maikelys. Nos has convocado en comunidad y ahora nos preparamos para despedirnos. Así como han sido una bendición para nosotros, que también lo sean para los demás dondequiera que vayan. Apóyalos con esperanza, valentía y confianza en que tu Espíritu Santo siempre estará con ellos, por Jesucristo.

Amén.

Palabras de agradecimiento y gratitude

Han sido una bendición para nosotros.

Los bendecimos al despedirnos.

Oremos...

De la Oración Vespertina de ELW (p. 317)
(también conocida como la Oración Holden)

Oh Dios, has llamado a tus siervos
a aventuras cuyo fin no vemos,
por caminos aún inexplorados,
a través de peligros desconocidos.
Danos fe para salir con valentía,
sin saber adónde vamos,
sino solo que tu mano nos guía
y tu amor nos sostiene;
por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

*All are invited to extend their hands as a
sign of blessing*

- **Go forth with good courage and with our love.**
- **Share the love of Christ wherever you go.**
- **God's Spirit is with you always.**
- **Go with God. Amen.**



*** Written by Eric Milner-White, dean of the chapel at King's College, Cambridge, the prayer, titled "The Call of Abraham," was first published in 1941 in a little book titled Daily Prayer, compiled by Milner-White and G.W. Briggs.*

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*Todos están invitados a extender sus
manos en señal de bendición.*

- **¡Adelante con ánimo y con nuestro amor!**
- **Compartan el amor de Cristo dondequiera que vayan.**
- **El Espíritu de Dios está siempre con ustedes.**
- **¡Vayan con Dios! Amén.**

PEACE

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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:

Voice

1 5

Ho - ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might hea-ven and earth are

9

full of your glo-ry Ho-san-na Ho-san-na Ho-san-na in the high-est Blessed is he who

13 17

comes in the of the Lord Ho-san-na Ho-san-na Ho-san-na in the highest Ho-san-na
name

21

Ho - san - na Ho - san - na in the high - est

J. Adams

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

✠ **Christ has died.**

✠ **Christ is risen.**

✠ **Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let 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.**

COMMUNION



The image shows a musical score for a voice part, likely for a choir or soloist, in G major and 4/4 time. The score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lamb of — God — You take a-way the sin of the world have mercy on us —". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Lamb of — God — you take a-way the sin of the world have mercy on us —". The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics: "Lamb of — God — you take a-way the sin of the world Grant us — peace". The score includes measure numbers 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, and 25. A signature "J. O'Leary" is visible in the upper right corner of the page.

Voice

Lamb of — God — You take a-way the sin of the world have mercy on us —

Lamb of — God — you take a-way the sin of the world have mercy on us —

Lamb of — God — you take a-way the sin of the world Grant us — peace

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 715 Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

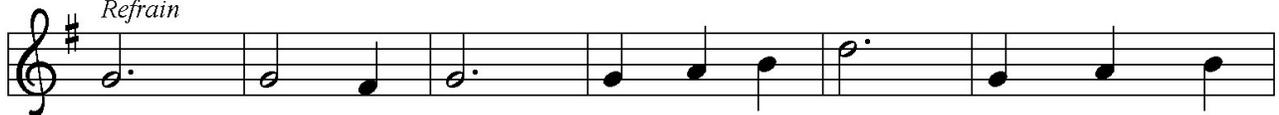


truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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 Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts who travel with us. So let us be quick to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of the Holy Trinity: Creator, Redeemer ✠, and Sanctifier be with us always. **Amen.**



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.



Refrain / Estribillo
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
 en mi barca no hay oro no espadas;
 tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.
 Estribillo

3 Tú necesitas mis manos,
 mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
 amor que quiera seguir amando.
 Estribillo

4 Tú, Pescador de otros mares;
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan.
 Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.
 Estribillo

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SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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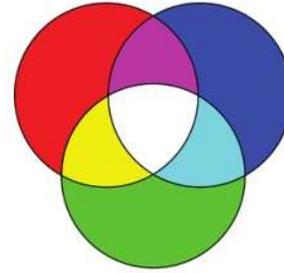
Lenten Wednesdays

2026 Lenten Series **Letting our Lights So Shine Colorfully**

February 18-March 25

Holden Evening Prayer and Colorful Reflections

Soup Suppers beginning at 6:00, February 25-March 25



Feb 18 Ash Wednesday		BLUE	Knowing ourselves
Feb 25		GREEN	Knowing our neighbors
Mar 4		RED	Knowing the message
Mar 11		CYAN	Being Community (ourselves + neighbors with presence)
Mar 18		MAGENTA	Being Authentic (ourselves + message with integrity)
Mar 25		YELLOW	Bearing a Winsome and Salutory word (neighbors + message with context)

Holy Week 2026

	<p style="text-align: center;">Palm Sunday March 29th, 9:30 AM</p> <p>We will have a palm processional (which will become next year's Ash Wednesday ashes) and then enter into Holy Week with communion.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Maundy Thursday, Triduum Day 1 April 2nd, 7:00 PM</p> <p>We will gather for footwashing, scripture, prayer and commemorate Jesus instituting the Lord's Supper. The service ends in silence with a bare chancel.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Good Friday, Triduum Day 2 April 3rd, 7:00 PM</p> <p>At our annual meeting we voted to accept Church of Our Saviour's invitation to worship with them on this evening. We will join their service of shadows.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church of Our Saviour, Milford 10 Amherst Street, Milford, NH 03055</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Vigil, Triduum Day 3 April 4th, 7:00 PM</p> <p>We will resume the triduum gathering outside around a new fire (weather permitting) and then move inside for scripture, prayer and communion as we begin celebrating Jesus' resurrection.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter April 5th, 9:30 AM</p> <p>We will fully embrace the good news of Jesus' resurrection and what the empty tomb means for us. We will have scripture, prayer and Holy Communion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easter brunch will follow worship.</p>