

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 23, 2025

“Bloom Where You Are Planted”

Introit **Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary** (More Voices 18)

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving.
I'll be a living sanctuary for you. *Repeat*

Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music **Morning Has Broken** *Traditional Gaelic melody arranged by Mark Looney*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We come to church today,
as faithful disciples, following Jesus.
We come to church today,
seeking comfort, seeking grace, seeking community.
We come to church today,
knowing that hope lies in the abundant love of God.

Opening Hymn **Morning Has Broken** (Voices United 409)

Words: Eleanor Farjeon 1931

Music: Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton

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1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

A Time to Wonder

The Garden Song *by David Mallet*

Anthem **Angels Through the Night** *Traditional, arranged by Philip Kern*

Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9

Reflection “The Imperfections of Life and Faith” (Bloom Where You Are Planted)

Hymn of the Day **All Things Bright and Beautiful** (VU291)

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1848, alt.

Music: 17th century English melody; adapt. and arr. Martin Shaw 1915

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Refrain All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings.

2 The purpleheaded mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; *Refrain*

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one;

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response **Here I Am, Lord** (Voices United 509)

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Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet** (Voices United 245)

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1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Sending Forth

Choral Response **Wherever You May Go** (More Voices 216)

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Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

Postlude O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

A paraphrase on the tune 'Azmon'; Robert J. Hughes; Tune by Gläsor

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins

Cordova Bay Praise Band led by Glenn Parsons

Welcoming – Atholl Malcolm

Greeters – Willa Burke and Myrna Pringle

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids

Prayer of Confession – Ron Childs

Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis

A Time to Wonder Music – Lynn Dennis

Scripture Reader – Carol-Ann Staples

Technical Support – Sue Christensen and Rob Glenn

Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group

Flowers are offered by Willa Burke

in celebration of the life of her husband, Dennis Burke.