



**Redeemer Lutheran**  
TORONTO, ONTARIO  

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*Finding **Life** in Community*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
Sunday, February 21, 2021

(Congregational Parts are in **Bold**)

## **INTRODUCTION**

*In the so-called parable of the “Good Samaritan,” no character is described as good or evil. All people are capable of doing good and/or evil. Ultimately, Jesus asks which character in the parable was a neighbor to the man who was robbed and assaulted. Parables as extended metaphors are limited; they steer us in one direction leading us down an interpretative path toward a particular moral conclusion. But we can ask other questions, raise other possibilities, and consider other moral conclusions.*

## **GATHERING**

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

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

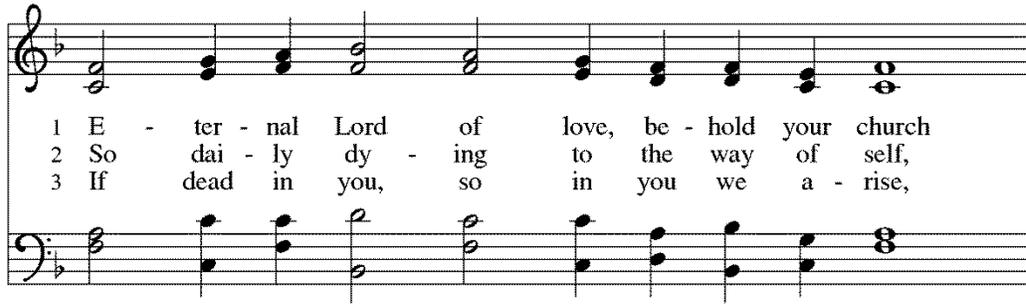
## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Fountain of living water,  
**pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.**  
**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**  
**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

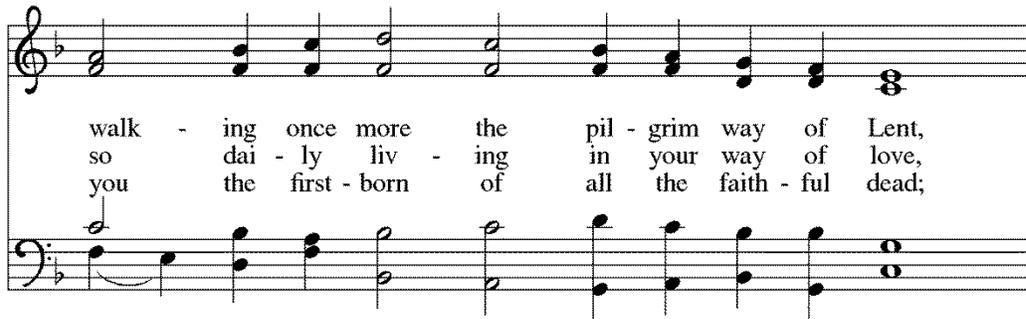
## **GATHERING SONG**

*Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church #321 All 3 verses*

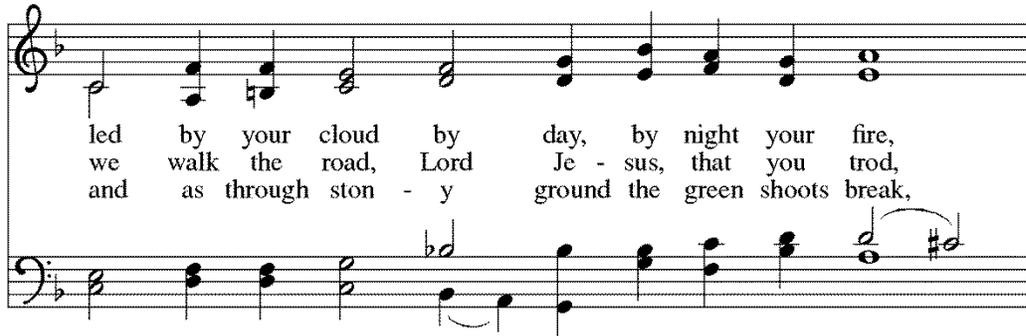
# Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



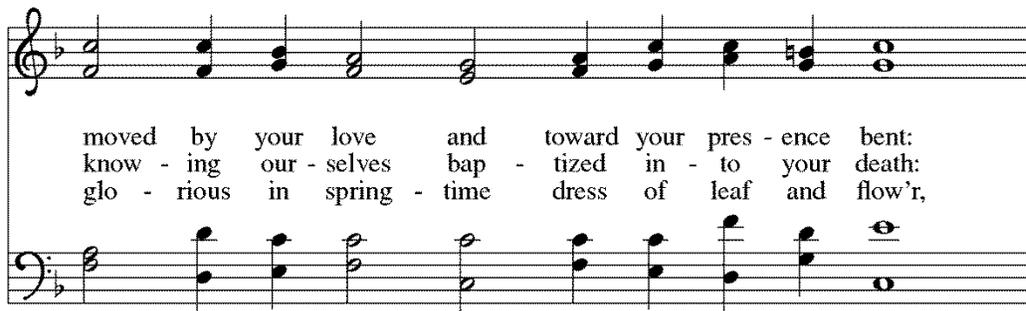
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

## GREETING

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

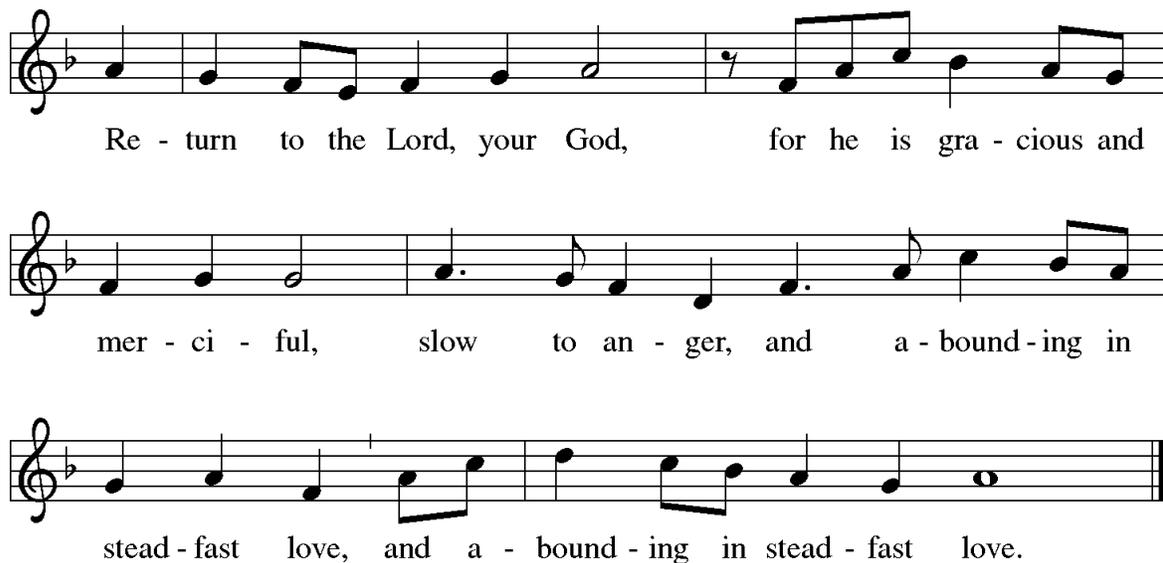
## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God,  
**How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-42

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY *When the Poor Ones # 725*

### When the Poor Ones

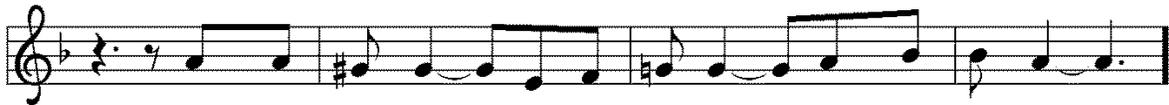
#### *Cuando el pobre*



1 Cuan-do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,  
1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;  
2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;  
3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;  
4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,  
when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;  
when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce:  
when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;  
when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:  
when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:  
when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

#### *Refrain / Estribillo*



Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;  
We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.  
we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### OFFERING

*During the offering song reflect on the gifts God has given to us both individually and as a faith community. Go to our website for instructions on how you might contribute to the ministry of Redeemer. [www.redeemerlutheran.ca](http://www.redeemerlutheran.ca)*

### OFFERING SONG: Verse #1 of *On What Has Now Been Sown* #550

#### On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the  
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,  
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

## OFFERING PRAYER

### DIALOGUE

God is with you. **And also with you.**

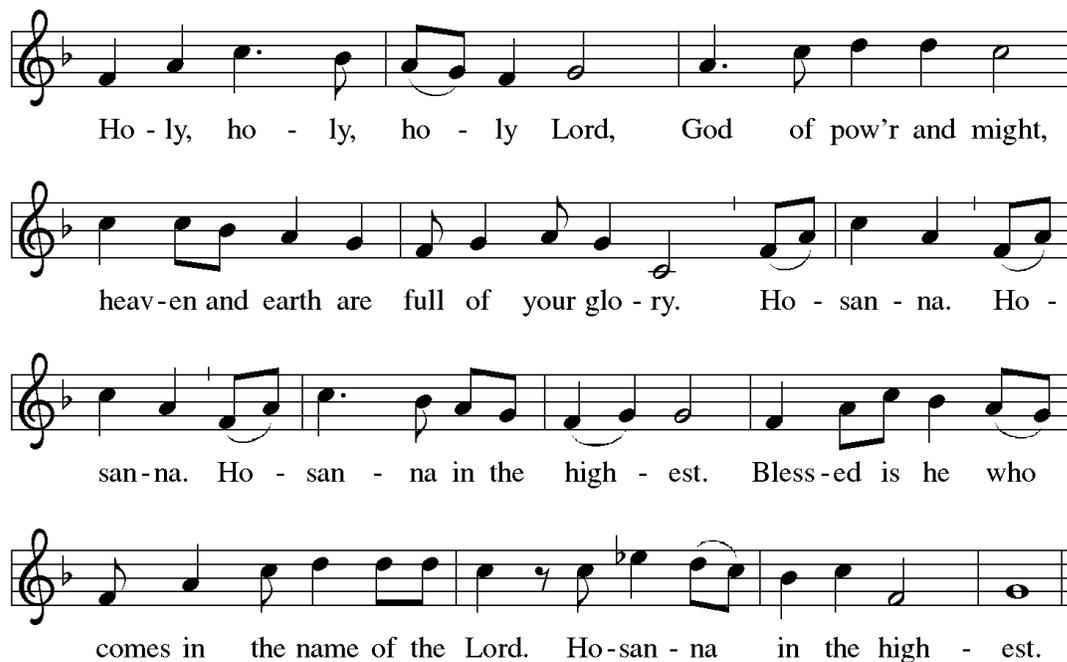
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (setting 3 - p. 144)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe . . .

. . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life . . .

. . . Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

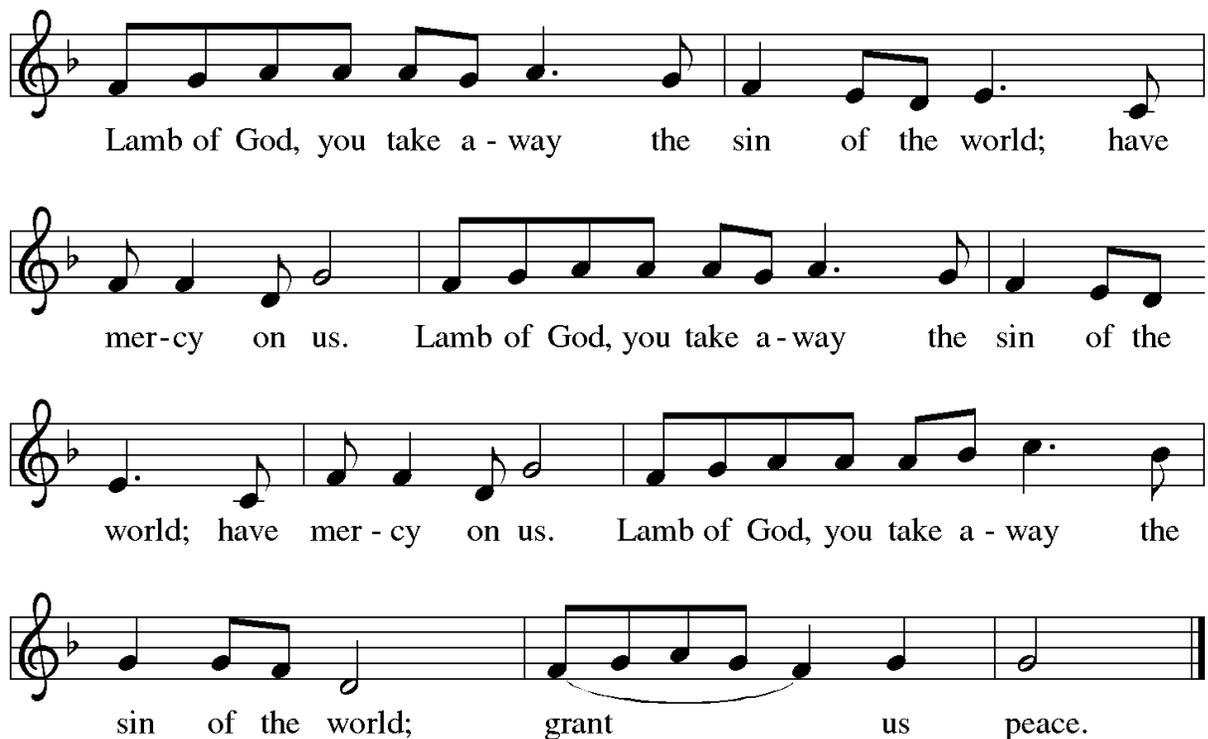
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread . . .  
. . . Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG (setting#3 - p. 146)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Redeemer Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

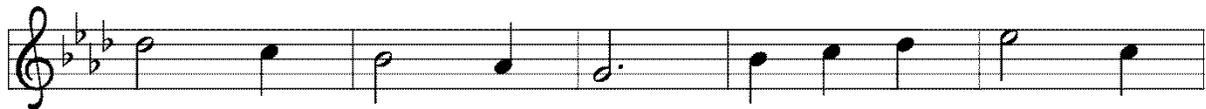
### SENDING SONG *O God of Mercy, God of Light* #714

Verses 1-4

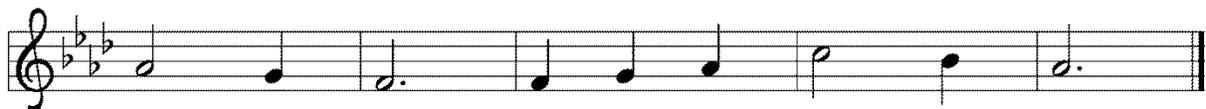
#### O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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