

# ORDER *of* WORSHIP

March 15, 2023 | *The Fourth Wednesday of Lent*

The People stand where indicated by the asterisk \* and read aloud the bold text.

## PRELUDE

Nathan Skinner, *organist*

## \*HYMN No. 255

*O Jesus We Adore Thee*

Meirionydd

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damian Long, *Minister of Small Groups and Young Adults*

O God, make speed to save us

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen**

## \*WELCOME

## \*PSALTER *(read responsively)*

Psalm 113

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the Name of the LORD!

**Blessed be the Name of the LORD  
from this time forth and for evermore!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!**

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,  
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

**He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.  
Praise the LORD!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN *(kneeling or sitting)*

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned, through our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*PASSING OF PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with your spirit**

## FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19:9–18

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Nocturne in D-flat major  
Gabriel Ling, *piano*

*F. Chopin (1810–1849)*

## SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:38–48

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## HOMILY

Eugene, *Missionary Associate*

## SILENT REFLECTION

## PRAYER OF RESPONSE *(kneeling or sitting)*

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart: that desiring you, we may seek you; and that seeking you, we may find you; and that finding you, we may love you; and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*HYMN No. 259

*Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy* (sts. 1–3)

Bryn Calfarina

## \*BENEDICTION

O Jesus, We Adore Thee

*Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4*

1. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, up - on the cross, our King!  
 2. Yet doth the world dis - dain thee, still pass - ing by the cross;  
 3. O glo - rious King, we bless thee, no lon - ger pass thee by;

We bow our hearts be - fore thee, thy gra - cious name we sing.  
 Lord, may our hearts re - tain thee; all else we count but loss.  
 O Je - sus, we con - fess thee, the Son en - throned on high.

That name hath brought sal - va - tion, that name in life our stay,  
 Ah, Lord, our sins ar - raigned thee, and nailed thee to the tree;  
 Lord, grant to us re - mis - sion; life through thy death re - store;

our peace, our con - so - la - tion, when life shall fade a - way.  
 our pride, our Lord, dis - dained thee; yet deign our hope to be.  
 yea, grant us the fru - i - tion of life for - ev - er - more.

Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy

*Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30*

1. Hark! the voice of love and mer - cy sounds a - loud from Cal - va - ry;  
 2. "It is fin - ished!" O what plea - sure do these pre - cious words af - ford;  
 3. Fin - ished all the types and shad - ows of the cer - e - mo - nial law;  
 4. Tune your harps a - new, ye ser - aphs, join to sing the glo - rious theme;

see, it rends the rocks a - sun - der, shakes the earth, and veils the sky:  
 heav'n - ly bless - ings, with - out mea - sure, flow to us from Christ the Lord:  
 fin - ished all that God had prom - ised; death and hell no more shall awe:  
 all in earth, and all in heav - en, join to praise Em - man - uel's name:

*rit. - - - -*  
 "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished!"  
 "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished!"  
 "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished!"  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*rit. - - - -*  
 Hear the dy - ing Sav - ior cry; hear the dy - ing Sav - ior cry.  
 Saints the dy - ing words re - cord; saints the dy - ing words re - cord.  
 Saints, from hence your com - fort draw; saints, from hence your com - fort draw.  
 Glo - ry to the bleed - ing Lamb! Glo - ry to the bleed - ing Lamb!