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Vocalists	Sara Birkeland, Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters, Chris Meiers, Tim Wicker, Kristin Denison Young
Lector	Julia Murphy
Recording/editing	Dana Lonn

In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Linda Austad, Jerry Casterton, Christopher Ferguson,
Lyn Gulbransen, Rich Gronner, Jennifer Harris, Dee Levine, Katie Slingsby, and Blanca
Raniolo's sister Nelly.

In-person worship in the Sanctuary, Sundays, at 10:00 am
Adult Forum in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am
Sunday School in the Nokomis Room at 9:00 am
Confirmation in the Youth Room at 9:00 am
Masks are required

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NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

MARCH 27, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 A.M.

A TIME TO CENTER

PRELUDE "Meditation from Symphony 1" Widor

WELCOME

GROUNDING MOMENT

As earth turns from sunrise to sundown
And seasons turn seamlessly one to another
As our lives turn from praise to pain and back to praise again
So we turn toward God in worship.
In our homes
In our workplaces
In our beds
At our kitchen tables.

We bring all that we are
All that we long to be
And we lay it before God.

As we turn toward God
We discover the miraculous promise
That God is already turned toward us.
Exactly where we are.

A TIME TO GATHER

SONG "Now Is the Time of Grace" ACS 918

Leader will sing the verses. Please join in this refrain:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is marked with a '1' above the first measure and a '2' above the second measure. The lyrics are: "Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion." The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in - vi - ta - tion." The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4 for the first staff; and G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4 for the second staff.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

From Ecclesiastes

LEADER: As one season turns to another in the miracle of creation,
so we turn our hearts to God,
who turns our mourning into dancing
and our brokenness into grace upon grace.
To everything there is a season, and now is the season for turning.

ALL: **We turn to God with broken relationships.**

LEADER: Now is a time for healing.

ALL: **We turn to God with regrets we have held too long.**

LEADER: Now is a time for releasing.

ALL: **We turn to God with despair for what the world has become.**

LEADER: Now is a time for hoping.

ALL: **We turn to God with sighs too deep for words.**

1. Now is the time of grace, 2. now is the day of sal - va - tion.
Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.

LEADER: God declares to all people, now is the time for grace.
Your sins are forgiven, your brokenness made whole.
Receive through Jesus Christ grace upon grace.

KYRIE

Berg

Leader: 1. Let us join as one as we pray to the Lord, *Congregation:* Lord have mer - cy.
2. That all of the world may know your peace,
Leader: For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion, *Congregation:* Lord have mer - cy.
That the poor be re-stored and the bound re - leased,

Leader:



For this ho-ly house and for all who in faith, gath - er to wor-ship in this place, that
That the life of the church may be strong and se-cure an - chored and cen-tered sole-ly on You, and for

Congregation:



we may be - hold a glimpse of Your face, Lord have mer - cy.
gui - dance and grace in all that we do,



Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: God of truth,
your words were twisted and manipulated by Pilate,
turning murky the reality that you are the Son of God,
the one who is full of grace and truth.
When truth in our world is twisted and bent out of shape,
point us back to you—the way, the truth, and the life. Amen

A TIME TO REFLECT

THE READING

Psalm 145: 10-13

LEADER: Hall your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

LEADER: *The Word of the Lord.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

"Return to God"

Haugen

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

Optional Repeat

mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff is labeled 'Optional Repeat' and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

THE GOSPEL

John 18:28-40

LEADER: Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take hi yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

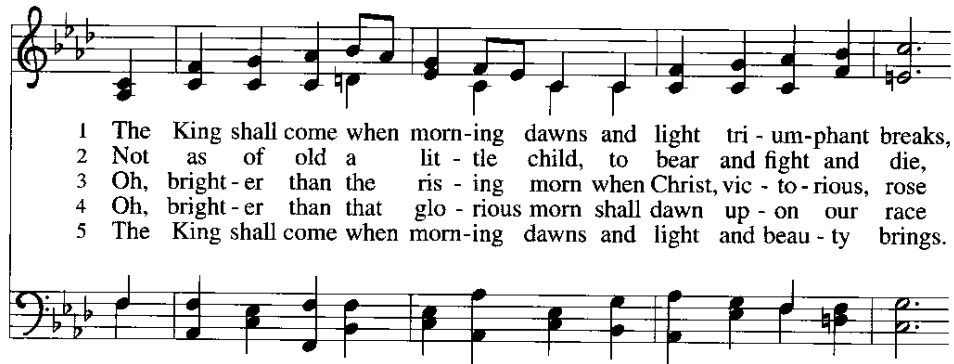
After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

The Word of the Lord.

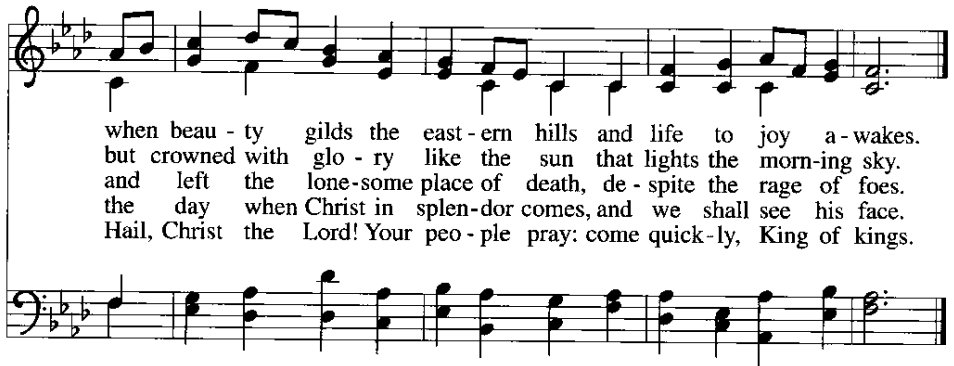
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Kristen Capel



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.




when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

A TIME TO PRAY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LEADER: Turning to God in prayer, we pour out our hearts, confident in God's promise to hear and receive.



1
 Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.
 2
 Turn now, and seek God's face, now be - hold God's in - vi - ta - tion.

LEADER: Loving God, your words were twisted, your love distorted, your purpose maligned by those who sought power. Make us aware of the ways in which innocent people are still crucified by oppressive systems. Give us the strength to speak out, and wisdom to work on behalf of those who are persecuted.
Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **We turn to you, O God.**

LEADER: O God of peace, as we watch the atrocities being rained down on the innocent people of Ukraine, we feel helpless, fearful, and angry at the injustice. We pray for world leaders, that you would fill them with wisdom that can only come from you. We pray that war would cease, that children would be safe from danger, that tyrannical leaders would be brought to their knees, and that peace, at last, would reign on earth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **We turn to you, O God.**

LEADER: O God of justice, as Minneapolis teachers continue to strike, demanding fair wages and equal representation, give them strength for this journey, and an end to negotiations that truly value those who educate our children. Thank you for the Bilingual Learning Center, and all organizations who are helping with children in this time when school is not in session.
Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **We turn to you, O God.**

LEADER: Almighty God, you invited your followers to care for one another by providing shelter, clothing, food, warmth, welcome, and belonging. Help us to see those who are unseen. To hear those whom the world drowns out. To embrace all people with your all-encompassing love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **We turn to you, O God.**

LEADER: Healing God, we pray for all who feel like they are falling apart in body, mind, or spirit. Send the power of your love to calm restless minds, heal broken hearts, and bring new life to fragile bodies. Where physical healing is not possible, bring peace that passes understanding, and faith to entrust our lives to your everlasting care. We pray today especially for... *(these friends and members in need of prayer.)*
Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: **We turn to you, O God.**

LEADER: Almighty God, we turn to you. Shine your light. Transform our world. Guide us in the way shown by Jesus, the Word made flesh, living among us. In the name of God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter, we pray.

ALL: **Amen**

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in - vi - ta - tion.

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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

A TIME TO GIVE

SHARING THE PEACE

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

GENEROSITY MOMENT

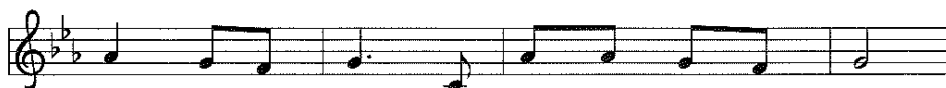
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1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

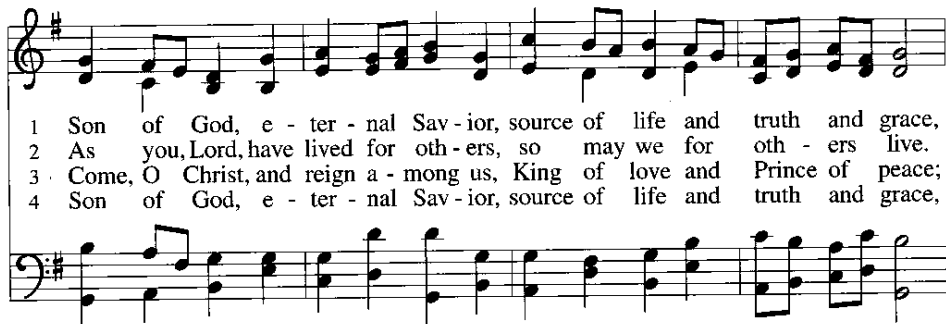
OFFERING PRAYER

ALL: God of abundance,
 receive these gifts of our hearts and lives,
 and use them to build the biggest table imaginable,
 that all might be fed and live together in peace. Amen

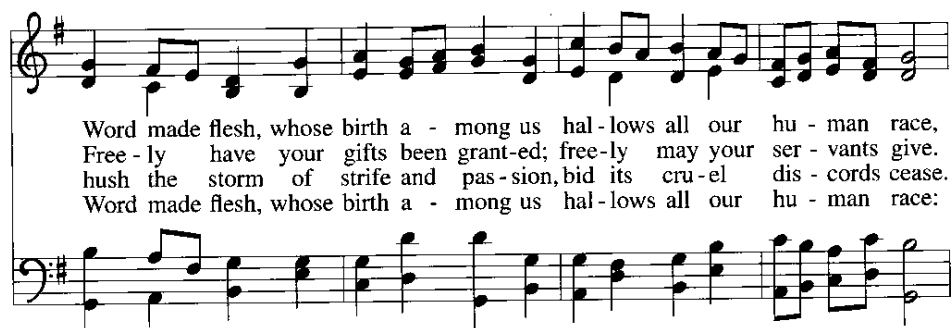
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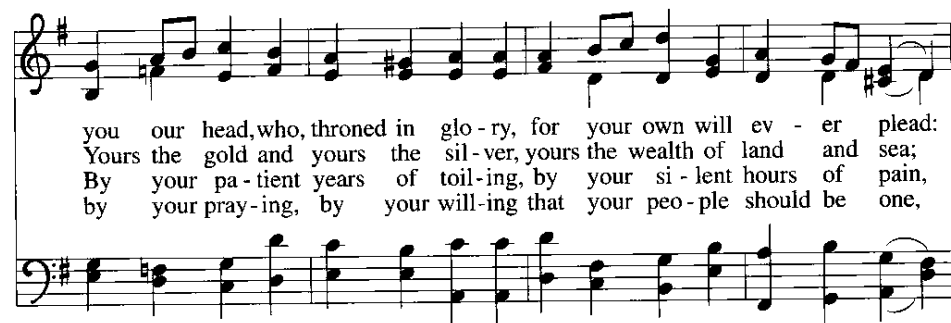
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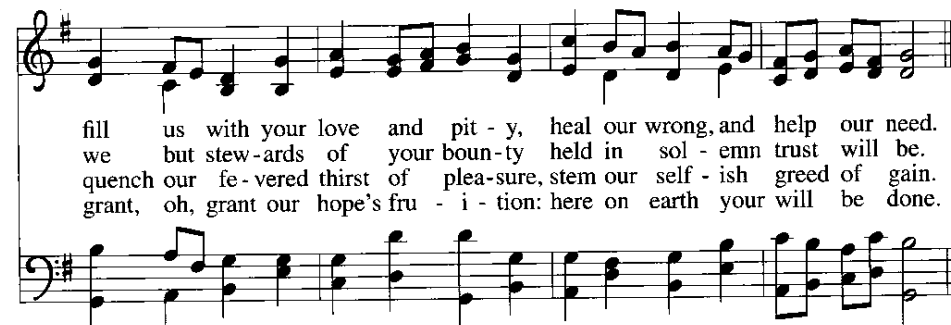
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

SENDING

LEADER: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Moment of silence

POSTLUDE

“The King Shall Come”

Johnson

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