



*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those
who work or watch or weep this night, and give
your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying,
soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted,
shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.*

Amen.

Ash Wednesday Service
March 5, 2025
6:30pm Service
Oak Knoll Lutheran Church



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April 13 Palm Sunday - 9:30am
April 17 Maundy Thursday - 7pm
April 18 Good Friday - 7pm
April 20 Easter Sunday
9:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday Lenten Worship

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 at 6:30pm
5:45pm - 6:15pm Soup & Grilled Cheese
6:30pm Worship

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GATHERING MUSIC

(Please observe a meditative silence.)

God So Loved the World, by John Stainer

INVOCATION

L: 

Almighty God grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.

C: 

A - men.

L: 

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, **to sing praise to your name, O Most High;**



to herald your love in the morning, **your truth at the close of the day.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together.

C God of hope, you breathe into the dust of our lives and remind us of your steadfast love. Give us faith to open ourselves to pain and joy, death and life. Remind us of who we are as we join the unbroken lines of the whole community of saints, from the beginning into eternity, as vessels of your love and grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P We gather because God brought us here. We meet because Jesus sets the table. We worship because the Holy Spirit † gives us life.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence

P Merciful God,

C **We wander.**

We run away.

**We think we can do things our own way
but we end up in messes of our own making
and problems we can't solve.**

**Find us when we are stuck,
in a pit of despair
or on a boat to nowhere.**

Reveal our faults and forgive our sin.

**Send us back out with words and actions
to help the world that you love so much.**

P None of us can flee from the love of God, not in the heights of heaven or the pit of grief or loss. God will always find us with love that beckons us home. So hear the words that each of us need:

You are loved beyond all knowing.

You are forgiven in the name of Jesus †

You are free. You are unfinished. You are beloved.

C **Amen.**

† IMPOSITION OF SYMBOLIC ASHES

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

You are invited to come to the baptismal font to receive the imposition of ashes.

We will mark your forehead, saying,

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

God’s words to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:19

This is an opportunity to share in this ancient tradition of marking our foreheads with the sign of the cross, using ashes to remind us of our frailty and of our need for repentance.

We remember who we are and whose we are - for we belong to Jesus Christ. Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to him.



SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 51:1-17

P ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C ²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

P ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C ⁴**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

P ⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

C ⁶**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

P ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

C ⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

P ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

C ¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

P ¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me

C ¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

P ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

C ¹⁴**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

P ¹⁵O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

C ¹⁶**For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

P ¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

REFLECTION

Vicar Jennifer Schneider

† HYMN

Restore in Us, O God

Red Hymnal 328

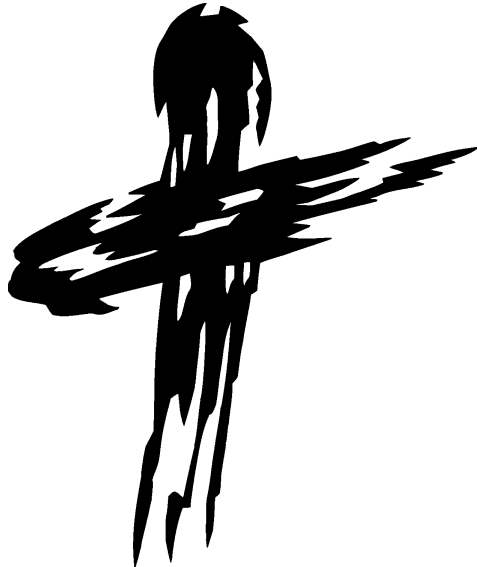


1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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 Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933
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† SHARING OF THE PEACE

☞ The Peace of the Lord be with you all. ☞ **And also with you.**

OFFERING *Thank you for supporting our ministry together.*

He Leadeth Me, arr. Benjamin Wegner, Oak Knoll Choir

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

(refrain) He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **(refrain)**

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Still tis God's hand that leadeth me. **(refrain)**

Sometimes the Offering is viewed as a break in the service, a chance for the congregation to do some "fundraising". Actually, the offering is an act of worship. As we give our offering, we symbolically give ourselves to God. Our money is our servanthood in spendable pieces.

You can go directly to Oak Knoll's Online Giving page through <http://oklutheran.org/give>, and click on the 'Give' button on the top right of the page.

† OFFERING RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 885

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

† OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray together:

C **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

† HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

☞ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

☞ **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☞ All who hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Jesus invites all to come forward to receive his gift of forgiveness and grace.

Today we will be celebrate continuous communion. The pastors will give you the consecrated communion elements. After drinking the wine/juice you can place the small cup in the basket.

If you need gluten-friendly communion wafers or grape juice, please indicate to the server by raising your index finger. They will extend the plate to you-the gluten friendly wafers are located in the center dish-and you are invited to take one yourself.

DISTRIBUTION *Please join in singing distribution hymns:*

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Red Hymnal 599

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,

from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

Now the Day Is Over

Red Hymnal 570

1 Now the day is o - ver; night is draw - ing night;
2 Je - sus, give the wea - ry calm and sweet re - pose;
3 Com - fort ev - 'ry suf - f'rer watch - ing late in pain;
4 Through the long night - watch - es may your an - gels spread

shad - ows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
with your ten - d'ring bless - ing may our eye - lids close.
those who plan some e - vil, from their sin re - strain.
their bright wings a - bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

5 When the morning wakens,
then may I arise
pure and fresh and sinless
in your holy eyes.

6 Glory to the Father,
glory to the Son,
and to you, blest Spirit,
while the ages run.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
Music: MERRIAL, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Red Hymnal 325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

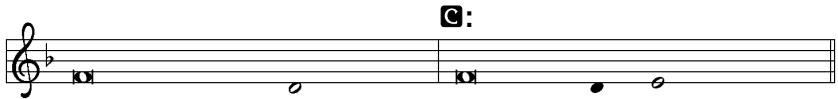
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Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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† POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

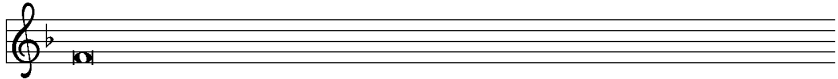
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Let us pray together.

G **Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace I our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom. In the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

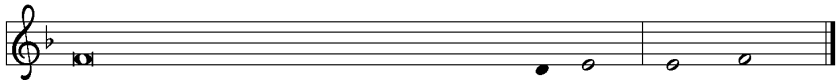
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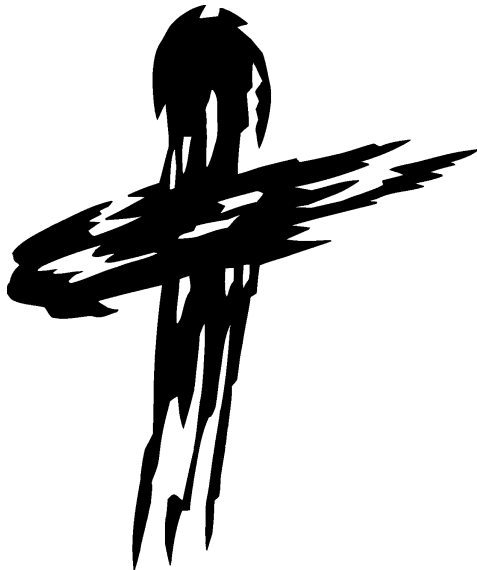
L: Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,



bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forev-er - more. A - men.



† SENDING HYMN *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Red Hymnal 324,
stanzas 1-3

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - dianciance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

† DISMISSAL

- Ⓟ Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
- Ⓢ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Old Rugged Cross, by Rev. George Bennard