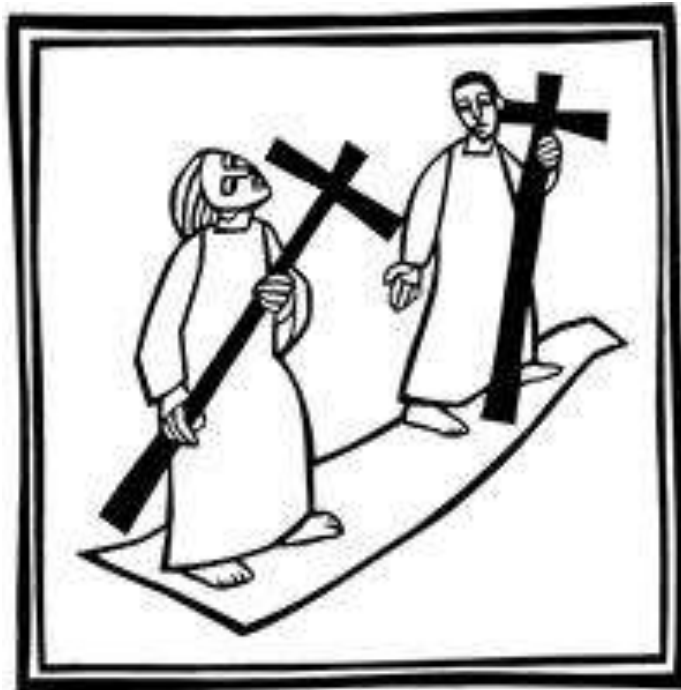


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**ZWEITER SONNTAG DER  
PASSIONZEIT**  
25. Februar 2024

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

February 25, 2024



PASTOR: Katherine Gohm  
INTERIM ORGANIST: Esther-Ruth Teel

*We acknowledge that St. John's Lutheran Church is situated on unceded Indigenous land that was never surrendered by treaty or agreement. We recognize that the Kanien'keha:ka (commonly known as the Mohawk), a nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (commonly known as Iroquois), are the custodians of Tiohtia:ke (the Island of Montreal), which is a traditional meeting place between peoples including the Anishinaabe (commonly known as Algonquin), Abenaki and the Huron-Wendat. As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and in agreement with its official policies, our church is committed to participating in an ongoing process of finding truth and reconciliation.*

**ORGELVORSPIEL**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Retrospection by Florence Price*

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

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*Der Heilige Geist ruft uns als Volk Gottes zusammen.*

## SÜNDENBEKENNTNIS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 who writes the law on our hearts,  
 who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
 in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
 and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
 are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
 forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## Restore in Us, O God (ELW 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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## BEGRÜBUNG

## GREETING

*p. 156*

Die Gnade unseres Herrn Jesus Christus und die Liebe Gottes  
 und die Gemeinschaft des Heiligen Geistes, sei mit euch allen.

**Und mit Deinem Geist.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## LOBGESANG

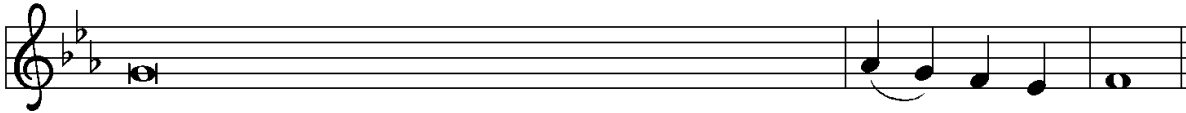
## KYRIE p. 98



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



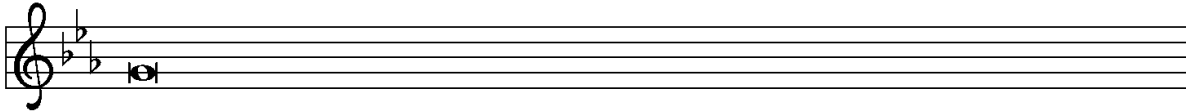
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



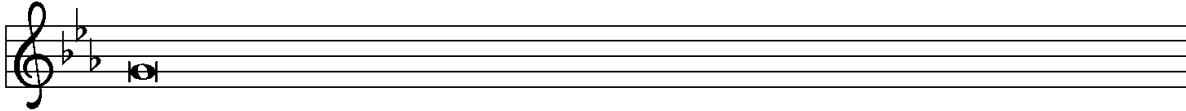
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## KOLLEKTENGEBET

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Laßt uns beten.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

O Gott, durch das Leiden deines gesegneten Sohnes hast du ein Werkzeug des schändlichen Todes gemacht, um für uns das Mittel zum Leben zu sein. Gib, dass wir uns des Kreuzes Christi so rühmen, dass wir gerne Schande und Verlust erleiden um deines Sohnes willen, Jesus Christus, unseres Erlösers und Herrn, der mit dir und dem Heiligen Geist lebt und regiert, ein Gott, jetzt und in Ewigkeit.

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## DAS WORT

## WORD

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

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*Gott spricht zu uns durch Schriftlesung, Predigt und Gesang*

## ERSTE LESUNG

## FIRST LESSON

**1 Mose 17, 1-7, 15-16 / Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL-AKKLAMATION**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** p. 102

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

**HEILIGES EVANGELIUM**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Markus 8, 31-38 / Mark 8:31-38**

**GOSPEL:**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**PREDIGT**

**SERMON**

*Pastor Katherine*

*Please stand.*

**PREDIGTLIED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**MIR NACH, SPRICHT CHRISTUS, UNSER HELD EG 385**

1) "Mir nach", spricht Christus, unser  
Held/Herr,  
mir nach, ihr Christen alle!  
Verleugnet euch, verlasst die Welt,  
folgt meinem Ruf und Schalle;  
nehmt euer Kreuz und Ungemach  
auf euch, folgt meinem Wandel nach.

2) Ich bin das Licht, ich leucht euch für  
mit heiligem Tugend leben.  
Wer zu mir kommt und folget mir,  
darf nicht im Finstern schweben.  
Ich bin der Weg, ich weise wohl,  
wie man wahrhaftig wandeln soll.

3) Ich zeig euch das, was schädlich ist,  
zu fliehen und zu meiden  
und euer Herz von arger List  
zu rein'gen und zu scheiden.  
Ich bin der Seelen Fels und Hort  
und führ euch zu der Himmelsport.

4) Fällt's euch zu schwer? Ich geh voran,  
ich steh euch an der Seite,  
ich kämpfe selbst, ich brech die Bahn,  
bin alles in dem Streite.  
Ein böser Knecht, der still mag stehn,  
sieht er voran den Feldherrn gehn.

5) Wer seine Seel zu finden meint,  
wird sie ohn mich verlieren;  
wer sie um mich verlieren scheint,  
wird sie nach Hause führen.  
Wer nicht sein Kreuz nimmt und folget mir,  
ist mein nicht wert und meiner Zier.

6) So lasst uns denn dem lieben Herrn  
mit unserm Kreuz nachgehen  
und wohlgemut, getrost und gern  
in allem Leiden stehen.  
Wer nicht gekämpft, trägt auch die Kron  
des ewgen Lebens nicht davon.

*Please remain standing, p. 105.*



## APOSTOLISCHES GLAUBENSBEKENNTNIS

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## FÜRBITTENGEBET

## PRAYERS

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ’s sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**FRIEDENSGRUB**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. Der Friede des Herrn sei mit euch allen.

**And also with you. Und mit deinem Geist.**

*Share a gesture of peace with one another as you are comfortable.*

**ABENDMAHL**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Gott nährt uns mit der Gegenwart von Jesus Christus*

**DANKOPFER**

**OFFERING**

*Confitemini Domino by Palestrina*

*Ways to give an offering are at the end of this worship guide.*

**DANKOPFERGEBET**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*Please stand.*

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**GROßES DANKGEBET**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING P. 107**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
 Your mercy is everlasting  
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
 to the land of milk and honey.  
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

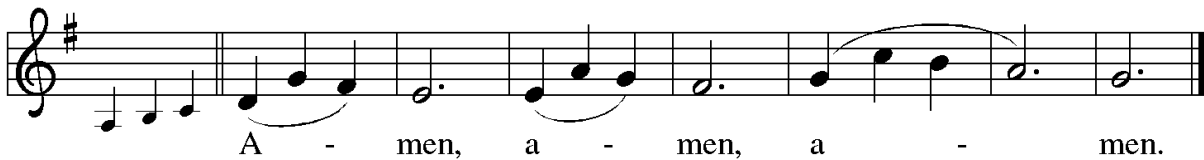
With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**



*Please stand.*

DAS VATERUNSER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Vater unser im Himmel,  
Geheiligt werde dein Name.  
Dein Reich komme.  
Dein Wille geschehe,  
wie im Himmel,  
so auf Erden.  
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.  
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
Wie auch wir vergeben unsern  
Schuldigern.  
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,  
sondern erlöse uns von dem  
Bösen.  
Denn dein ist das Reich und die  
Kraft  
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.  
Amen.**

**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.**

**COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**COMMUNION**

*Lamb of God* p. 112

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, grant us peace.

*Please sit during the time of Communion. To receive the elements, please come up the left-hand aisle to the altar and return to your seat on the right. Grape juice is available in pre-poured individual cups.*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

MUSIK WÄHREND DER  
AUSTEILUNG

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Intellige Clamorem Meum by Heinrich Isaac*

***Please stand.***

DANK GEBET NACH DEM  
ABENDMAHL

PRAYER OF THANKS  
AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# AUSGANG

# SENDING

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

*Gott segnet uns und sendet uns im Auftrag in die Welt*

*Please stand.*

## SEGEN

## BLESSING

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SCHLÜBLIED

## CLOSING SONG

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee (ELW 759)*



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



ENTLASSUNG

DISMISSAL

Geht in Frieden. Denkt an die Armen. Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Gott sei Dank. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDIUM

POSTLUDE

*Fantasy by Florence Price*

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Kate, our new Secretary. Her office hours will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-12.

Karla is stepping down from her work at St John's. Thank you to everyone for making St John's a great place to work!

**Join us every Wednesday in Lent for Contemplative Worship and Reflection.** Beginning February 21, 7pm in the sanctuary. *Please note: Wednesdays in Lent are in person only.*

TODAY singing the Psalms during the season of Lent. If you are interested in singing as a cantor, or just want a primer on how to sing the psalms, stay after the service, for a little psalm workshop with Esther-Ruth. No experience necessary, this will be informal and beginner friendly.

Haus der Heimat, Dorval, has a 3 1/2 apartment available for rent April 1st for \$594/month. For an application please email: [hausderheimat@videotron.ca](mailto:hausderheimat@videotron.ca)

## HOLY WEEK at ST JOHN'S

- **Palm Sunday, March 24** German/English, 11am
  - *Annual General Meeting following the service*
- **Maundy Thursday**, March 28, English, 7pm
- **Good Friday**, March 29: German/English 11am
- **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**, March 30, English, 8pm
- **Easter Sunday**, March 31 German/English, 11am

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