# Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship



## **GATHERING**

In observance of St. Patrick's Day, our prelude, postlude and all of our hymns are based on Irish tunes.



**PRELUDE** 

The Star of County Down

\*WELCOME

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

## God of mercy;

You know the way of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us, and the things which give us life. You know our nakedness, our shame, and our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word and turned from your ways. Forgive us, and shape us into the image of Christ, so that by your grace, we may confront the power of evil with the promise of eternal life with you. Amen.

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we are sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Christ has become our life and salvation; and in him, our sins are forgiven. **Amen.** 

#### \*PEACE

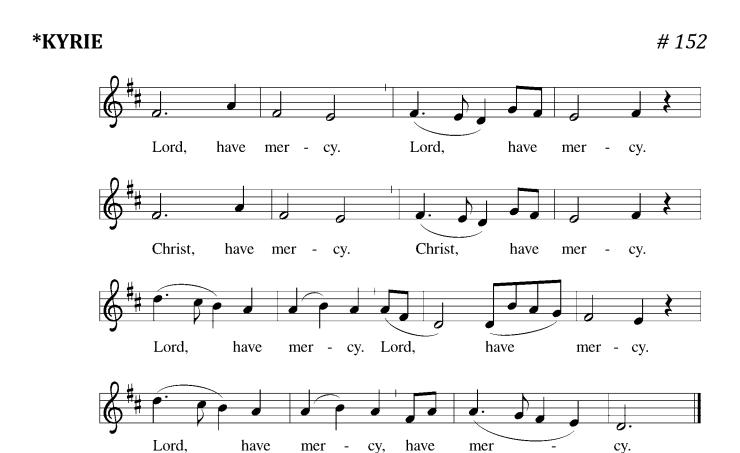
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

<sup>\*</sup> Please Stand As You Are Able

#### \*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

## **WORD**

#### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

#### **SECOND READING**

Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

eas he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



#### \*HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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#### \*APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the church, with the words of the 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.

#### **PRAYERS**

In this season of repentance, let us turn our hearts to God, who is gracious and merciful.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.** 

Receive the prayers we offer, O God, in the name of the One who endured the cross, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

-R. Farrant

Offering gifts are gratefully received in the plates located near the sanctuary doors as you exit.

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 received from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **MEAL**

#### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

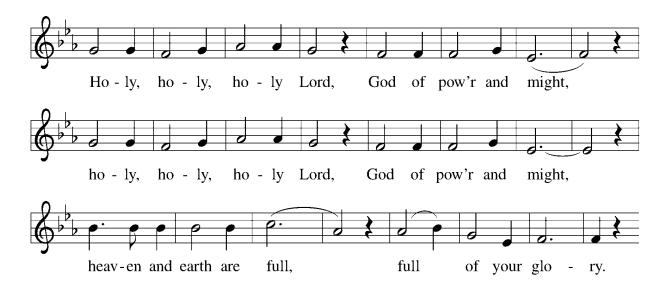
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

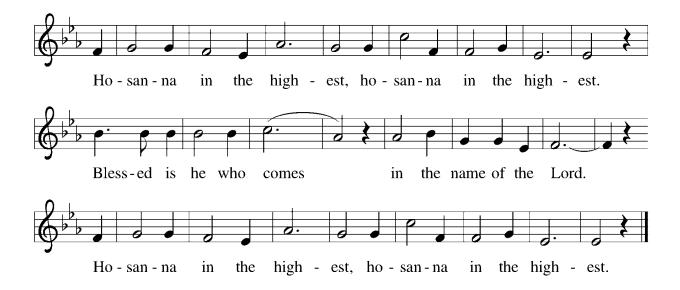
#### \*PROPER PREFACE

.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

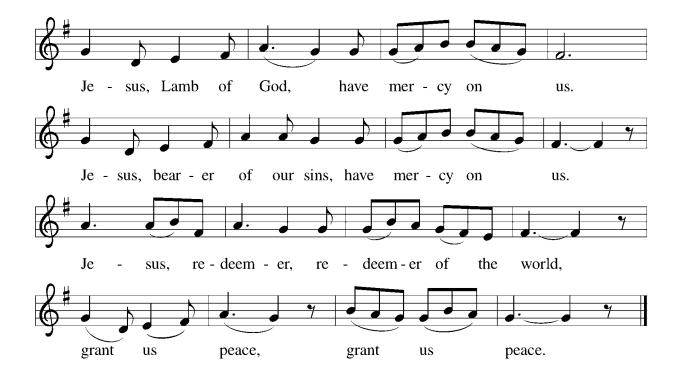
#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

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.



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#### **DISTRIBUTION**

All are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Christ's body and blood truly present in the bread and the wine.

- ~Come forward by the center aisle.
- ~Children are invited to come forward for a blessing.
- ~White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are also available.
- ~Dispose of the cup in the basket provided.
- ~Please tell an usher if you need communion elements brought to your pew.



## **SENDING**

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the abundant gifts of grace and mercy you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the gift of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### \*BENEDICTION

May the steadfast love of God the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit surround you throughout these forty days, and into everlasting life. **Amen**.

\*SENDING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

# 765

#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace; led by the cross of Christ. **Thanks be to God.** 

**POSTLUDE** 

Londonderry Air

The congregation is invited to remain for the postlude; and following it, to respond with "Amen!"

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Usher(s) ...... John Macholz

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **COFFEE HOUR/ADULT FORUM**

\*TODAY\* following worship in Reissig Hall

Join us as we hear from Mike Pitts of Foodlink, a regional food bank that also addresses the root causes of hunger: food access, literacy, and career empowerment.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING \*TODAY\* at 10:45 A.M. in the Conference Room

BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### HEALTHY HEARTS FOOD COLLECTION FOR LENT

\*TODAY\* is the last day we will be collecting items.

Join us in collecting 'Heart Healthy' food items for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Some suggested items are:

Lower salt canned vegetables Low sugar/no syrup canned fruit

Oatmeal, plain Brown rice

Tuna packed in water

#### WEDNESDAY EVE WORSHIP IN LENT

Wednesday at 7:00pm, March 20

Gather with us during Lent for a half-hour midweek service of renewal and reflection through prayer, hymns, scripture and candle lighting. "A new heart I will give you…and I will remove from your body a heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezek.36:26 -27)

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday March 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Beginning with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the Procession of Palms, join us as our order of worship follows the order of events in the Passion Reading from the Gospel of Mark: The Last Supper (communion), Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (Prayers of the Church), Jesus is arrested (Time for Reflection), Jesus Before Pilate (Confessiona dn Forgiveness), Jesus on the Cross (Music for Meditation), Jesus' Body is Placed in the Tomb (Benediction).

Maundy Thursday March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Service of Readings, Hymns, and Special Music

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Festival Service of Holy Communion March 31st at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by Easter Coffee Hour in Reissig Hall

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### EASTER SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR: FOOD SIGNUP

Volunteers are needed to donate fruit trays, coffee cakes, kuchen, Danish pastries, mini muffins, banana breads, and orange & apple juice for the coffee hour following our Easter Day Service. *There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex.* 

# SAVE THE DATE for our CHICKEN BBQ Saturday, April 13th 4:30 p.m. until sold out

You can skip cooking dinner! Come to our easy, drive-through Chicken Barbecue and get a full, delicious meal for just \$15. All proceeds will benefit the Brighton Habitat Coalition of Churches.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer at this event.

#### R.I.T. LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL

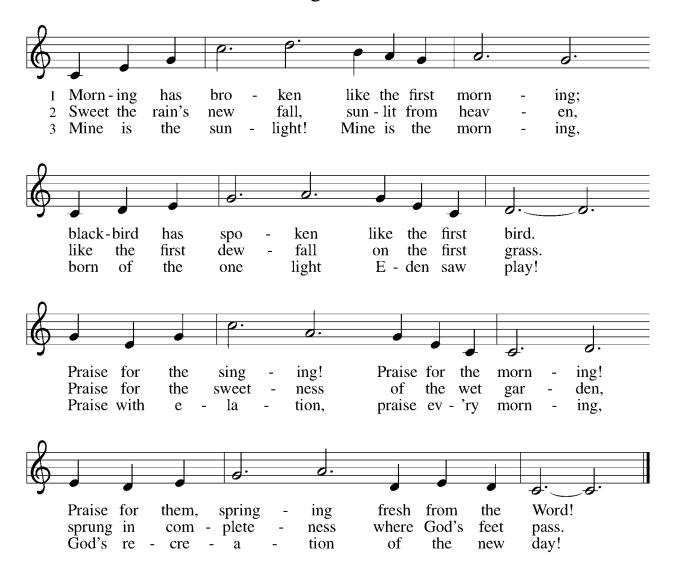
Sunday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Help us provide 'Breakfast for Dinner' for Lutheran and Episcopalian students involved with Lutheran Campus Ministry at R.I.T. Signup sheets for food donations and volunteer help are in the church narthex.

#### **GREEN TIP**

Learn about the Pollinator Pathway Program coming to our area and hear Dr. Ray Dorsey discuss the link between pesticides and Parkinson's Disease. Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Brighton Library; or register for the *Zoom* link at bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com

# Morning Has Broken

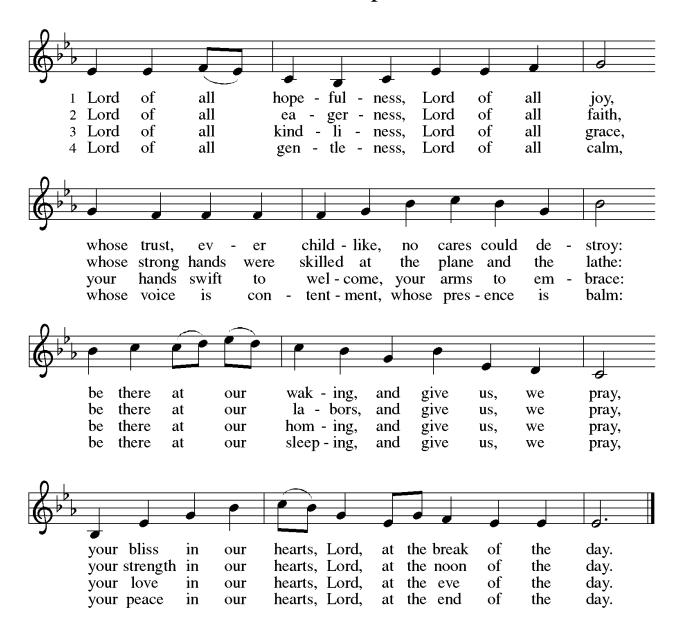


## The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

# Lord of All Hopefulness



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# Welcome to worship,

and a special welcome to those who are visiting with us today. If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation or learning more about our ministries, please speak to our Pastor.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Atonement Lutheran Church is a gathering of God's people in Christ called to:

Invite all people into the presence of the living God,

Prepare for ministry in daily life and

Go into the world as disciples

Our Church Nursery is available for parents to use with their children.

# Thank you for joining us in worship today!

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified...
whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

John 12:23, 26



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