

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 First Sunday in Lent

### Announcements

#### Gathering

Leader: We worship as we live: in the name of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

Leader: God calls us to be honest with ourselves, with God and each other, as God renews us and our life's purposes. Come apart from the busyness of family, school and work, and dwell in the presence of God, the source and ground of our being.

**All: We come in praise of God and in affirmation of Jesus Christ as the truth and center of our lives. We celebrate the places where love is found, and we give thanks for the gift of new life.**

Leader: O God, the struggles of relationships, the pressure of making ends meet or of keeping up with our peers, the fear of losing, our health, our job, our home, the ones we love, over time dry up our lives, and then take the very breath from our being.

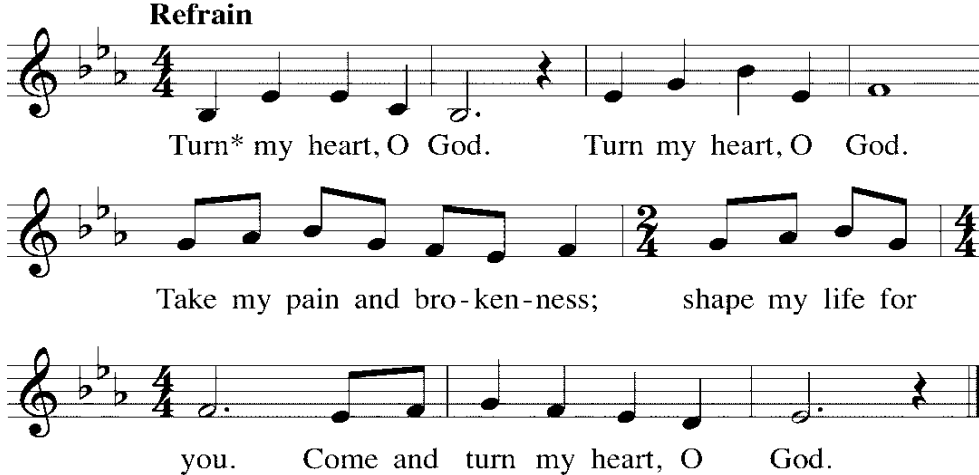
**All: Raise us up O God. Breathe your Spirit into our dry bones. Call us out of the tombs we have created in our lives, that we might embrace and celebrate the gift of life you have given us this very day. Amen**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation. As we move through this season of Lent we acknowledge our need for repentance; that is, our need to re-focus and re-prioritize our lives, our need to turn our lives back toward God and our neighbors. Let us continue our Lenten journey by together confessing our sins and seeking the forgiveness and new life that is promised to us in Christ Jesus.

## “Turn My Heart O God”

The Congregation sings the refrain along with the verse response.

**Refrain**




Turn\* my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.

Take my pain and bro-ken-ness; shape my life for

you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the first two phrases: 'Turn\* my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.' The second line contains 'Take my pain and bro-ken-ness; shape my life for' and the third line contains 'you. Come and turn my heart, O God.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

From all the leads to death to seek the way of life ...  
From all that leads to sin, to holiness and grace...  
From all despair and grief, to hope of life renewed...

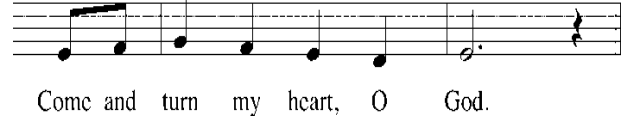


Come and turn my heart, O God.

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**(Refrain)**

O let your Spirit come, and cleanse my inmost heart...  
Give back to me the joy of walking in your way...  
O fill me with your grace that I might sing your praise...



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**(Refrain)**

Leader: God of Love and Life,

**All: We confess that we have sinned against you and each other, by what we have done and said, and by what we have failed to do and say. We confess that we are wounded, and those wounds affect how we treat ourselves and how we treat others. We come seeking forgiveness and healing. We come seeking a sense of wholeness in our lives. Help us to forgive the people who have wounded us, as we come seeking forgiveness for the wounds we have caused other people. Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to live differently. Help us to forgive graciously. Help us to love abundantly. Amen**

Leader: God is faithful, even when we are not. God's promises are true, even when we break our promises. Our lives change but one thing does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. And it is in and through this love that in Jesus Christ God forgives you of all your sins. This is the good news that brings us new life.

**All: Amen – Thanks be to God!**

Song of Praise:

*“Arise, Shine Out!”*



1. A - rise, shine out, your light has come! A -
2. A - rise, shine out, come and re - jice! The
3. A - rise, shine out, and dry your tears! Our
4. A - rise, shine out, bring bread and wine! Come
5. A - rise, shine out, tell all the land that



wak - en your sad and wea - ry eyes! A  
mu - sic of life sings of the new day! The  
God has con - quered gloom and fright! For  
gath - er a - round the ta - ble of dreams! And  
ha - tred and vio - lence now shall cease! To -



song in the dis - tance has be - gun, the  
dance of the spir - it; free - dom's voice, is  
on this day new dawn ap - pears; be  
share the sto - ry, let it shine, for  
geth - er in hope and hand in hand, we'll



ci - ty of God born from the skies! —  
mov - ing with - in to guide our way! —  
born a - gain! Walk in the light! —  
in this place God's King - dom sings! —  
live God's mer - cy, love and peace! —

Leader: The Lord is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lord God, our strength,

**All: the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Noisy Offering

Bible Readings

**Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said

to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Romans 5: 12-19**

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Gospel Verse                    "Return to God"**

*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.

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 4: 1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you”,  
 and “On their hands they will bear you up,  
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”<sup>1</sup>  
 Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’<sup>1</sup>  
 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and  
 their splendor; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Jesus  
 said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written,  
 “Worship the Lord your God,  
 and serve only him.”’<sup>1</sup>  
 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## Sermon

### Song “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.  
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

## Affirmation of Faith

## 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 of God's People

Leader: Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

## Offering

### Offering Response (sung)

For your generous providing, which sustains us all our days,

For your Spirit here residing, we proclaim our heartfelt praise.

In the depths of joy and sorrow, though the road be smooth or rough,  
Fearless, we can face tomorrow for your grace will be enough.

'Round your table, through your giving, show us how to live and pray

Till your kingdom's way of living is the bread we share each day;

Bread for us and for our neighbor; bread for body, mind and soul,

Bread of heav'n and human labor – broken bread that makes us whole.

Leader: All good gifts around us come from you, O God

**All: You have given us new life in Christ! Therefore we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another. Amen**

Leader: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth ... With all the prophets of old and new, the saints and sinner, and all the company of heaven, we glorify your name and join in the endless song of all creation:

*Refrain*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. *Refrain*

## Words of Institution

Leader: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

**ALL: 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.**

## Distribution of Holy Communion

We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

## Song During Communion "Change My Heart, O God"

*Refrain*

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. *End*

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *Refrain*

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

**All: Amen**

Leader: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

**All: Amen**

## **Benediction**

## **Sending**

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!!!**

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