

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> First Sunday in Lent

### Welcome to Worship at Lord of the Valley

*We welcome you to worship at Lord of the Valley. We gather as members of the church who live in the area full and part-time, as people vacationing in the area for a few days or weeks, as people searching for a church that is welcoming. We gather as a community, as sisters and brothers in Christ, all part of God's family, and we pray that God's Spirit might be known and felt within your heart as we worship together. We invite your participation in the life of Lord of the Valley. If you are interested in becoming a regular member or a parish partner, please talk with our pastor today. We are Glad that You are Here, Worshipping God with Us!*

### 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.

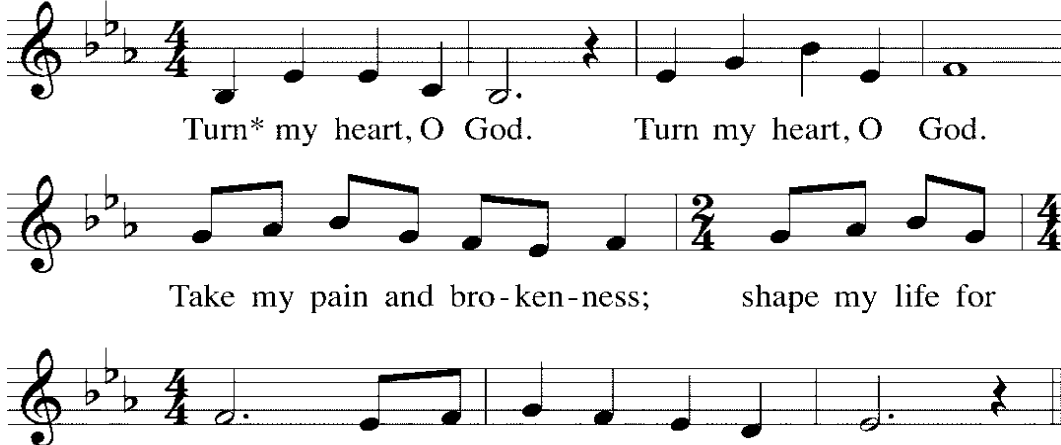
**All: Raise us up O God. Breathe your Spirit into our dry bones. Call us out of the tombs we have created in our lives, that we might embrace and celebrate the gift of life you have given us this very day. Amen**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers: God created us to experience joy in communion with God, 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 consists of three staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first two phrases. The second staff continues the melody, with a 2/4 time signature change for the phrase 'shape my life for'. The third staff concludes the refrain with the phrase 'you. Come and turn my heart, O God.'.

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.

The musical notation is a single staff in 4/4 time, corresponding to the lyrics below.

**(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...



Come and turn my heart, O God.

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**(Refrain)**

Leader: God of Love and Life,

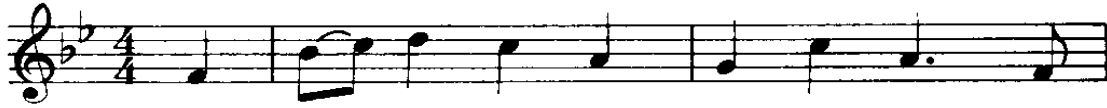
**All: We confess that we have sinned against you and each other, by what we have done and said, and by what we have failed to do and say. We confess that we are wounded, and those wounds affect how we treat ourselves and how we treat others. We come seeking forgiveness and healing. We come seeking a 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:

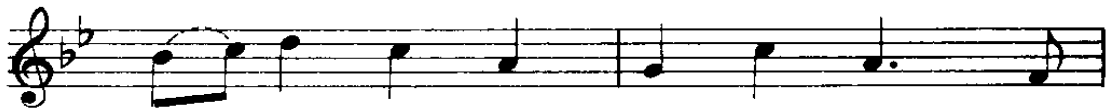
"Arise, Shine Out!"



1. A - rise, \_ shine out, your light has come! A -  
 2. A - rise, \_ shine out, come and re - joice! 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: Holy God, heavenly Father,

**All: in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Bible Readings**

**Genesis 9: 8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my


covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

### 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.


### 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

#### Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

### Sunday School Dismissal

### Sermon

Song

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,  
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

**Affirmation of Faith** “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 the People**

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

**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.

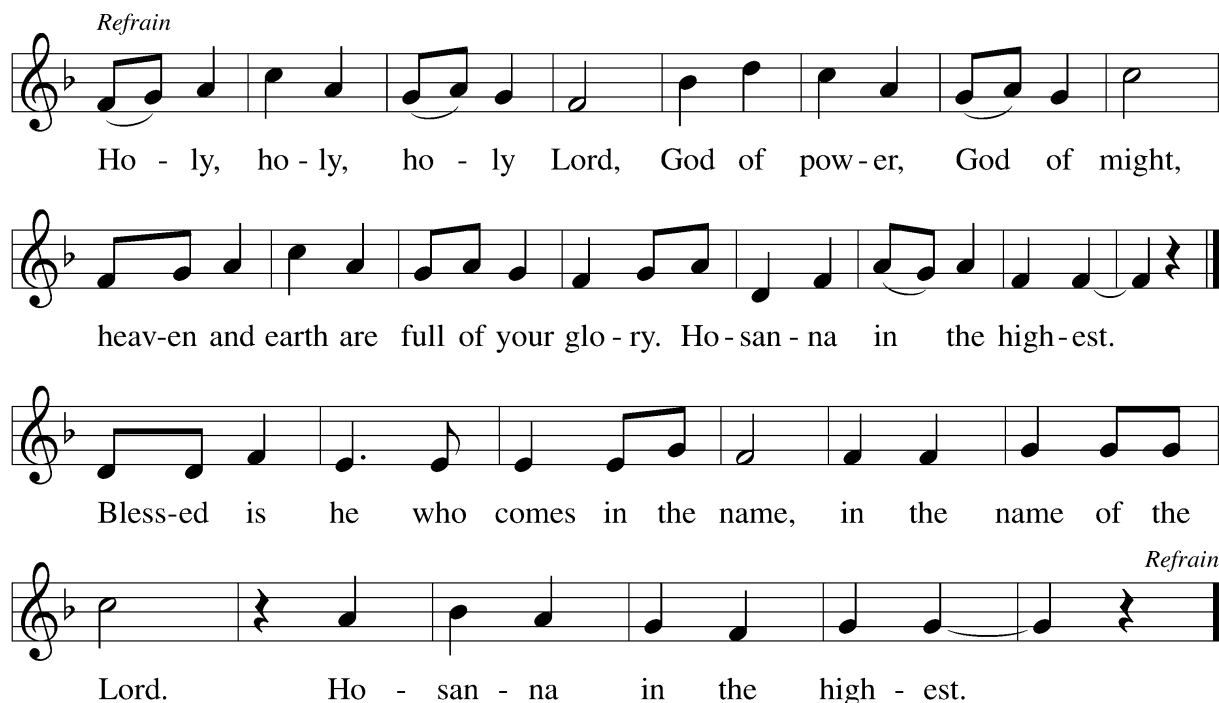
**All: We lift them to God.**

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*

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

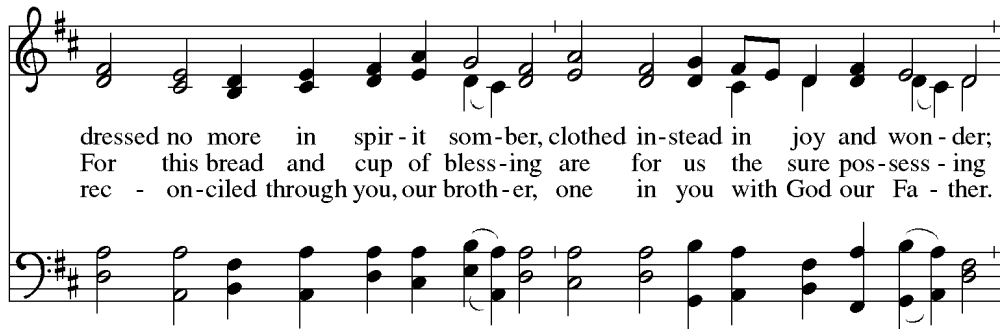
**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### Distribution of Holy Communion

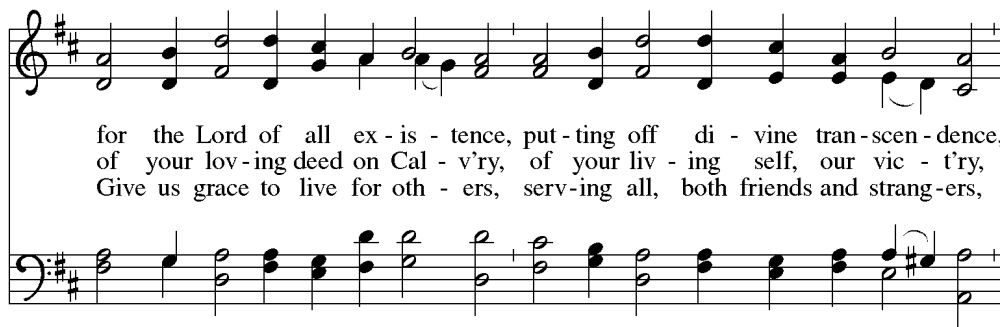
### Song During Communion "Now We Join in Celebration"



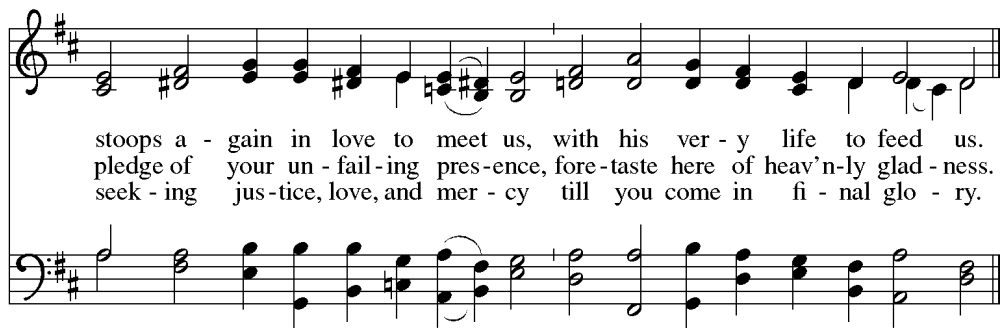
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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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