



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Children's Service
Laetare (Rejoicing) Sunday
March 30th, 2025
10:00 am



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Lament

We lament the ways that our country and The Episcopal Church have failed to honor and protect the youngest and most vulnerable among us.

We lament:

In our country's recent past, The Episcopal Church participated in the separation of kids like me from their families, putting them in foster care or sending them to live in schools where they weren't allowed to dress, dance, speak, or play in the ways they had at home. Some of these kids made their way back to their parents, but most did not.

We celebrate:

Three years ago The Episcopal Church voted to spend \$2.5 million to research, document, and share publicly its involvement in these practices, as well as create places and programs to help affected families and communities heal from the pain caused by the church.

Response

May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day. Amen.

We lament:

In 2018, our country decided the best way to scare immigrant families and keep them from seeking safety here was to separate kids like me from their parents when they tried to enter the U.S. All these years later, more than one thousand of these kids still haven't been reunited with their families. Today, our government has even started targeting immigrants and their families in churches.

We celebrate:

The Episcopal Church fought against the practice of separating kids from their families at the border, and has joined a lawsuit challenging the government's right to target immigrants in church.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day. Amen.

We lament:

About 10 years ago, Tamir Rice, who was then the age of some of the kids in this church, was killed by a police officer. People in this country look at some kids my age and see a child. Others see a criminal, a delinquent, a punk, or another danger that makes them attack.

We celebrate:

The grownups at St. David's tell us every week they value us and delight in us. You listen to us. You guide us and show up for us. You work to see the child in *all* young people.

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Opening Prayer

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Reader A reading from the Book of Joshua.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Chant setting by Josh Hegg

Please chant responsively with the Cantor, singing the bolded texts



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/-given, *
and whose sin is put a-/-way!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no / guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no / guile!
- 3 **While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-/-way, ***
because of my groaning all day / long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and / night; ***
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of / summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to / you, *
and did not conceal my / guilt.
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my / sin.
- 7 **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of**
/ trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach / them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place;**
you preserve me from / trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of de-/-liverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should / go; *
I will guide you with my / eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-/-standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near / you."
- 11 **Great are the tribulations of the / wicked; ***
but mercy embraces those who trust in the / LORD.
- 12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD; ***
shout for joy, all who are true of / heart.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand to sing as you are able

Gospel Hymn

Just as I am

The Hymnal 1982, #693

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Deacon or Presider

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading

The Deacon or Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon by Cleo Mozena

Please stand as you are able

Children's Creed

Presider and People

I believe in a God of Love who made everything –
Things we can see and things we can't.

I believe that Love lived with us as Jesus.

But the world did not understand him and he was crucified and died.

But Love is so powerful that Jesus rose from the dead.

I believe the God of Love sends her spirit to live in all of our hearts today.

I believe that the God of Love gives us each other
and asks us to learn about love and peace together.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor We thank you for the beautiful world you created and pray that you would help us
heal and protect it from harm.

All **Help us to care for the Earth and all of its creatures.**

Intercessor We thank you for the wonderful, unique people you have made us to be and pray
that you would help us live in love with those who are different from us and hold
deep respect for our whole human family .

All **Help us to care for one another.**

Intercessor We thank you for food, shelter and family and pray that you would help us see
and love those who do not have all of those things.

All **Help us to remember and care for those who are hungry, sick or sad.**

Intercessor We thank you for bringing us together today to learn about you.

All **Help us to share this good news with people everywhere.**

Intercessor We thank you that you know all the worries we have in our lives and pray that you would protect and heal our loved ones.

All **Help us to see the ways you love the world all of the time.**

The Presider says

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

The Deacon/Postulant says

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Please say together

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image

and call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that we have failed to honor you

in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,

while building walls between ourselves and others.

We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,

while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,

or the shape of features,

or the varieties of human experience.

We have tried to love our neighbors individually

while yet benefitting from systems

that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image,

to be beloved community, united in our diversity,

even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,

Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

The Presider pronounces Absolution

The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet those around you with a sign of God's peace!



The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Your electronic offering can be accepted at the station
on the coffee table at the back of the Sanctuary.

Text-to-give instructions are on the card in your pew.

To give online, here is Saint David's Offertory Link:

<http://www.saintdavidpdx.org/donate.html>

Offertory Hymn

Parables

Wayne Grile

Refrain

F C G C

Par - a - bles(clap,clap) Par - a - bles(clap,clap) Earth-ly sto - ries with a heav-en-ly mean-ing.

5 F C G C

Par - a - bles(clap, clap) Par - a - bles(clap, clap) Stor-ies with a hea-ven-ly truth.

Verse

9 C G C

1. Long time a-go when Je-sus walked this land, he spoke in parables we could un - der-stand. To

13 C G C

love our neigh-bor and our en - e-mies too. And the hea-ven-ly trea-sure wait-ing for you.

- 2 There's a story of a boy who lost his way
A story of a sheep who went astray
They both were sorry for what they had done
The father and the shepherd welcomed them back home
- 3 There's a story of a farmer who planted seed
Some ended up getting choked by weeds
Some did well and grew deep roots
And grew up strong with lots of fruit

Please stand as you are able, as the ushers bring forward our offerings to God from God's people

Please stand as you are able

Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider continues ...

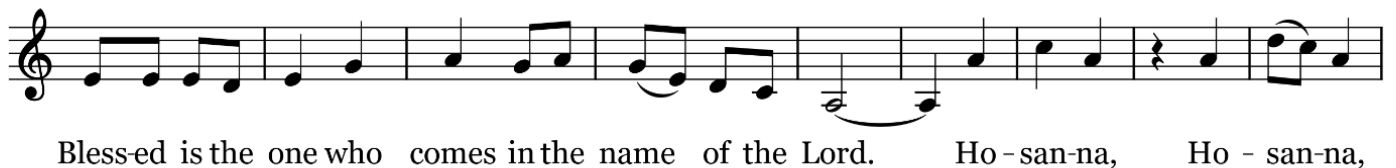
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

Sanctus

Missa Appalachia

Wonder Love and Praise, #850



Setting: Jonathan Dimmock (b. 1957), from *Missa Appalachia*
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The Presider continues ...

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues ...

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. ... By Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Creator, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymnal 1982, #S-149

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem

The bread which we break Wonder Love and Praise, #867

The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the
Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one
bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff is in 3/4 time and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff is in 3/4 time and contains the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.'

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants*. Copyright © 1997 Carl Haywood.

The People receive Communion.

The Bread is gluten free, nut free, and dairy free. Both wine and juice are available at the rail; when presented with the cup, please let the Minister know if you prefer juice. If you are unable to ascend the steps to the rail, Ministers will be available to bring the elements out to you; please let an usher know. All are welcome to partake.

Healing Prayer is offered in the Chapel after Communion.

Communion Hymn

Come to the table of grace

Please sing three times, using "grace," "peace," and "joy"

Come to the ta-ble of *grace. Come to the ta-ble of *grace.

This is God's ta-ble, it's not yours or mine. Come to the ta-ble of *grace.

*Additional stanza:

2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

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Communion Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

The Hymnal 1982, #470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-ces for the good;
 There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer-cy with the Sa-vior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

From Prayers for an Inclusive Church

Presider and People

May we who have fed at Wisdom's table take her welcome out to where tables are reserved and doors are closed; may the Spirit drive us to break our bread on the altar of the world. Amen.

The Presider gives the Blessing

Closing Hymn

Peace in my heart

The Rennas

Please sing three times, using "peace," "joy," and "love"

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "I've got peace in my he - art, I've got peace in my heart." The second line starts with a measure rest labeled '5' and contains: "I've got peace in my hea - rt and I will give peace to you, and". The third line starts with a measure rest labeled '9' and contains: "I will give peace to you, and I will give peace to you, and". The fourth line starts with a measure rest labeled '13' and contains: "I will give peace to you!". The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

From "Kids Sing for Jesus (Catholic Songs for Little Ones)" by The Rennas.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please remain attentive as the musician offers the Postlude

Postlude

This Week

Sunday

Eucharist: 10 am in the Sanctuary and on [Zoom](#)

Childcare (ages 0 - 9): from 9:30 am - noon in the Grace Room

Coffee Hour: after the 10 am Eucharist in the Parish Hall

Tuesday

Stations of the Cross: 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday

Morning Prayer: 9 am in the Chapel

Choir Rehearsal: 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday

Gentle Yoga: 10 - 11 am in the Chapel

Friday

Say Their Names: 12 noon at church

Announcements

Social Justice Stations of the Cross: Tuesday, April 1st at 7 pm, you are invited to join with the EfM class and the team for Justice and Mercy for a one hour Stations of the Cross devotion with a focus on social justice. All are welcome! Note: this is a seated activity, and does not require walking around the sanctuary. We will gather at 6:45 pm in the back of the church to assign volunteers to read the reflections for each Station.

Loving our Neighbor Lenten demonstrations: Sundays in Lent, 1:30 pm: Join other local churches at All Saints Episcopal Church (4033 SE Woodstock Blvd) to stand together peacefully against the false witness of white Christian nationalism.

Candy & Small Toy Donations: Needed for Easter Egg Hunt. We have plenty of plastic Easter Eggs, but we do need candy and small toys to fill them for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Please give any donations to Cleo before or on Palm Sunday (4/13) – the Star Whales & Youth Group will be filling the eggs after the service.

Easter Donations and Dedications: Follow [this link](#) to PayPal to donate and support brass musicians and flowers for our Easter celebrations. The button is also active on our [homepage](#).

Regular Happenings

Star Whales (grades 3-5): Second and Fourth Sundays during April, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. The next regular meeting is April 13th, in the Bell Tower Room. Contact Cleo Mozena: kids@saintdavidpdx.org

Youth Group (grades 6-12): Second and Fourth Sundays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. The next regular meeting is April 13th, in the Bell Tower Room. Contact Charles Garver: charlie99@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7 - 8 pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Josh Hegg: music@saintdavidpdx.org.

Potluck Dinner and Fellowship: Second and Fourth Wednesday, 6 pm in the Parish Hall – the next potluck is April 9th.

Wound Care Kits: Third Sundays during Coffee Hour – the next session is April 20th. Please join us in putting together kits for houseless neighbors. Contact Tracy with questions: tracy.leblanc@comcast.net

St. David's Taizé Service: Third Sundays, 5 pm in the Sanctuary – the next service is May 18th. There will not be a service on April 20th, Easter Sunday.

Acts of Service

Serve During our Liturgies

[March 2025](#)

[April Sundays 2025](#)

[Holy Week 2025](#)

[Vigil at the Garden of Repose \(Maundy Thursday\)](#)

Family Promise: Help host families in the building. Remaining Family Promise weeks at St David's in 2025 are June 15th, September 14th, and December 14th.

Email Cass Cole: cassandracole90@gmail.com

Hot Meals: Serve a hot lunch every 2nd Saturday. Next Hot Meals is April 12th.

[Signup](http://bit.ly/HotMeals2ndSat) at <http://bit.ly/HotMeals2ndSat> or email

Kieran Cannistra: kieran.cannistra@gmail.com

Brigid's Table: Serve to-go meals every Tuesday.

Email Barbara Brecht: bbrechtlcs@gmail.com

Hope and Bread: A mission church with unhoused neighbors of SE Portland meeting Sundays at Montavilla Park at 5 pm.

Email Tracy at: tracy.leblanc@comcast.net

Hospitality: Help with coffee hour.

Email Crystal Maass at:

hospitality@saintdavidpdx.org

AV Team: Help host our hybrid service.

Email Kieran Cannistra:

seniorwarden@saintdavidpdx.org

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Contact Madeline Moore at 503-502-0405 or speak to Deacon Tracy

Share with the Community: [Announcements](#)

(Due Tuesdays by noon)

For Pastoral Care: Rev. Dennis j. Sagun Parker: dennis@saintdavidpdx.org; Rev. Dcn. Tracy LeBlanc:

tracy.leblanc@comcast.net; the Lay Pastoral Care Team: Contact Barbara Brecht: bbrechtlcs@gmail.com

Maintenance Requests: Follow [this link](#)

Lost and Found: Please check the lost & found box (near the parking lot entrance) for any belongings you may have left behind. Anything unclaimed will be given to charity at the end of each month.

Serving Today

Presider	Rev. Dennis j. Sagun Parker
Preacher	Cleo Mozena
Deacon	Rev. Dcn. Tracy LeBlanc
Music	St. David's Choir Josh Hegg, Director of Music
Cantor	Vivian
Lament	Elaina
Readers	, Harrison
Creed	Ava
Intercessor	Garrett
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Norloff
Altar Guild	Rev. Dcn. Tracy LeBlanc
Candle Lighter	Elaina, Vivian
Cross Bearer	Beatrice
Torch Bearers	Ava, Garrett
Bell Ringer	Lyla
Usher	Joy, April Wiza
Audio/Visual Tech	Kieran Cannistra
Coffee Hour Lead	Rachel Klein

Healing Prayer on Sundays during Lent: we will be offering Healing Prayer every Sunday morning service during Lent following communion. You can come to the chapel following communion where fellow parishioners of the Pastoral Care group will be available and pray with you. See your eNotes for more information.

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