

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

PRELUDE

(stand)

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- ☞ God, our rock and refuge,
- ☞ **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.
- ☞ Hear this 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.**

- 1 Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Timeless One,
C you renew your promises in every generation. Deepen our awareness of the communion of saints who have gone before us, the saints in our own time, and the saints who will carry on your message of grace after us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit)

HOMILY

Pastor Duminy

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW 428

- 1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak—
the strong, who once were weak!
- 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.
- 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do
an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own—
God's love through them is known.
- 4 Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **P** God of mercy,
 C hold us in love.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or place your offering in the plates that are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary. For those of you watching through our media outlets, if you are able, please mail in your offering or donate online. Thank you!



THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C** **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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P The creator who fashions us together with all things,
the Christ who leads us into a new beloved community,
the Spirit who holds us in the communion of saints,
one God, † bless you now and always.

G Amen.

(sit)

HYMN

Now It Is Evening

ELW 572

(Sung to the tune of Morning Has Broken ELW 556)

1 Now it is evening: lights of the city
bid us remember Christ is our light.
Many are lonely, who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring, Christ is our light.

2 Now it is evening: food on the table
bids us remember Christ is our life.
Many are hungry, who will be neighbor?
Where there is sharing, Christ is our life.

3 Now it is evening: little ones sleeping
bid us remember Christ is our peace.
Some are neglected, who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring, Christ is our peace.

4 Now it is evening: here in our meeting
may we remember Christ is our friend.
Some may be strangers, who will be neighbor?
Where there's a welcome, Christ is our friend.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

G Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to come forward and light a candle.

You may kneel for prayer at the railing, pray at your seat, or pray at the foot of the cross.

You may also come forward to pray with a Pastor.

Depart in Silence



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