

SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SANKT JOHANNES GEMEINDE  
ÉGLISE LUTHÉRIENNE ST-JEAN

VIERTER DER PASSIONZEIT  
HEILIGES ABENDMAHL GOTTESDIENST  
EINS ELW

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE

10. MÄRZ 2024

MARCH 10TH, 2024



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Music Director: Esther-Ruth Teel

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ORGELVORSPIEL

ORGAN PRELUDE

**Esther-Ruth Teel**

**EINGANG**

**GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Der Heilige Geist ruft uns als Volk Gottes zusammen.*

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SÜNDENBEKENNTNIS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

EINGANGSLIED

OPENING HYMN

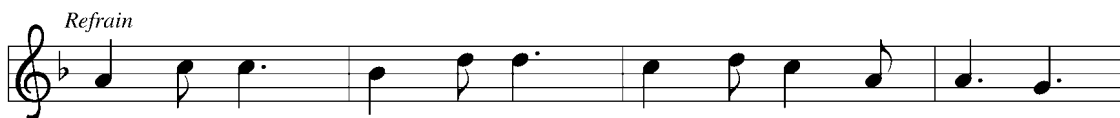
**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335)**



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

BEGRÜßUNG

GREETING

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Die Gnade unseres Herrn Jesus Christus und die Liebe Gottes und die Gemeinschaft des Heiligen Geistes, sei mit euch allen.

**Und mit Deinem Geist.**

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

**And also with you.**

LOBGESANG

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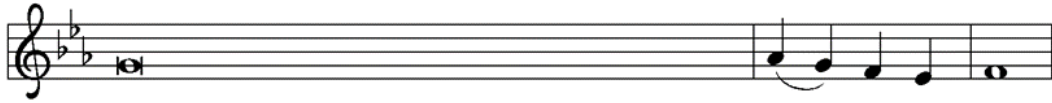
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



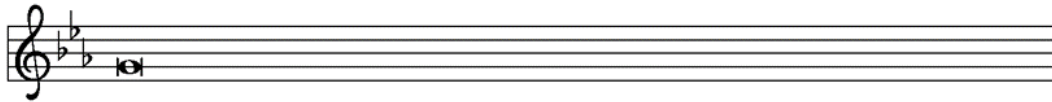
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



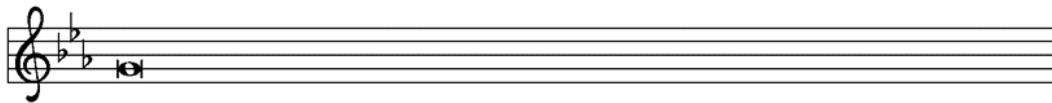
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## KOLLEKTENGE BET

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray. Laßt uns beten.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

O Gott, reich an Erbarmen, durch die Erniedrigung deines Sohnes hast du diese gefallene Welt erhöht und uns aus der Hoffnungslosigkeit des Todes gerettet. Führe uns in dein Licht, damit alle unsere Taten deine Liebe widerspiegeln, durch Jesus Christus, unseren Retter und Herrn, der mit dir und dem Heiligen Geist lebt und regiert, ein Gott, jetzt und in Ewigkeit.

**Amen.**

## DAS WORT

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*Gott spricht zu uns durch Schriftlesung, Predigt und Gesang*

## ERSTE LESUNG

## FIRST READING

### Numeri 21, 4-9/ Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from Numbers.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous

serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

PSALM

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

You deliver your people from their distress. (*Ps. 107:19*)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup>LORD is good,  
for God’s mercy en- <sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup>LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup>of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup>from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup>from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took re- <sup>1</sup>bellious paths;  
through their sins they <sup>1</sup>were afflicted.**

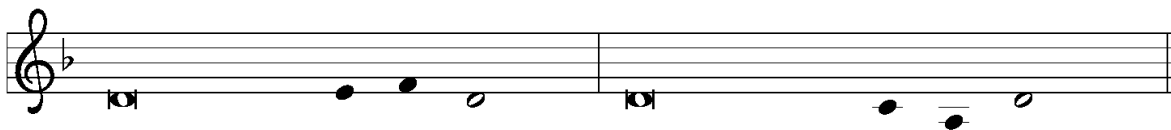
<sup>18</sup>They loathed all man- <sup>1</sup>ner of food  
and drew near <sup>1</sup>to death’s door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried <sup>1</sup>to the LORD  
and you delivered them from <sup>1</sup>their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your <sup>1</sup>word and healed them  
and rescued them <sup>1</sup>from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your <sup>1</sup>steadfast love  
and your wonderful works <sup>1</sup>for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices <sup>1</sup>of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with <sup>1</sup>shouts of joy.



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ZWEITE LESUNG

SECOND READING

**Epheser 2,1-10 / Ephesians 2:1-10**

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work

among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL-AKKLAMATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 102



HEILIGES EVANGELIUM

HOLY GOSPEL

**Johannes 3, 14-21 / John 3:14-21**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

PREDIGT

SERMON

*Pastor Katherine*

PREDIGTLIED

HYMN OF THE DAY

**Gott Liebt Diese Welt EV.GB 409 vs. 1-5**

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1 Gott liebt die - se Welt, und wir sind sein  
ei - gen. Wo - hin er uns stellt, sol - len  
wir es zei - gen: Gott liebt die - se Welt!

2 Gott liebt diese Welt. / Er rief sie ins Leben. / Gott ist's, der erhält, / was er selbst gegeben. / Gott gehört die Welt!

3 Gott liebt diese Welt. / Feuerschein und Wolke / und das heilige Zelt / sagen seinem Volke: / Gott ist in der Welt!

4 Gott liebt diese Welt. / Ihre Dunkelheiten / hat er selbst erhellt: / im Zenit der Zeiten / kam sein Sohn zur Welt!

5 Gott liebt diese Welt. / Durch des Sohnes Sterben / hat er uns bestellt / zu des Reiches Erben. / Gott erneut die Welt!

6 Gott liebt diese Welt. / In den Todesbanden / keine Macht ihm hält, / Christus ist erstanden: / Leben für die Welt!

7 Gott liebt diese Welt. / Er wird wiederkommen, / wann es ihm gefällt, / nicht nur für die Frommen, / nein, für alle Welt!

8 Gott liebt diese Welt, / und wir sind sein eigen. / Wohin er uns stellt, / sollen wir es zeigen: / Gott liebt diese Welt!

Text und Melodie: Walter Schulz 1962/1970

FÜRBITTENGEBET

PRAYERS

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love, especially Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, renewers of society, whom we commemorate today. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life.  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

FRIEDENSGRUß

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. Der Friede des Herrn sei mit euch allen.  
**And also with you. Und mit deinem Geist.**



Share a gesture of peace with one another as you are comfortable.

## ABENDMAHL

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Gott nährt uns mit der Gegenwart von Jesus Christus*

## DANKOPFER

## OFFERING

**Esther-Ruth Teel**

*Ways to give an offering are at the end of this worship guide.*

## DANKOPFERGEBET

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## GROßES DANKGEBET

## GREAT THANKSGIVING P. 107

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

DAS VATERUNSER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Vater unser im Himmel,  
Geheiligt werde dein Name.  
Dein Reich komme.  
Dein Wille geschehe,  
wie im Himmel,  
so auf Erden.  
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.  
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
Wie auch wir vergeben unsern  
Schuldigern.  
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,  
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.  
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft  
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.  
Amen.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

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Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*Lamb of God p. 112*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please sit during the time of Communion. To receive the elements, please come up the left-hand aisle to the altar and return to your seat on the right. Grape juice is available in pre-poured individual cups.*

MUSIK WÄHREND DER  
AUSTEILUNG

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Esther-Ruth Teel*

DANKGEBET NACH DEM  
ABENDMAHL

PRAYER OF THANKS  
AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
**Amen.**

**AUSGANG**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*Gott segnet uns und sendet uns im Auftrag in die Welt*

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SEGEN

BLESSING

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

SCHLÜBLIED

SENDING SONG

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)**



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.  
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

ENTLASSUNG

DISMISSAL

Geht in Frieden. Denkt an die Armen. Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Gott sei Dank. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDIUM

POSTLUDE

**Esther-Ruth Teel**

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council meeting March 12 at 7 pm

Time Change on Saturday Night - Spring Forward One Hour!

It is with great joy that we welcome Esther-Ruth Teel as St. John's new Music Director. Esther-Ruth is planning choir pieces for both Good Friday and Easter Sunday. If you would like to be a part of the choir, rehearsals begin this Sunday, March 10th, and continues the 17th and 24th, following coffee hour.

Maundy Thursday: there will be an Agape Meal at 6 pm followed by worship at 7 pm

Haus der Heimat, Dorval, has a 3 1/2 apartment available for rent April 1st for \$594/month. For an application please email: [hausderheimat@videotron.ca](mailto:hausderheimat@videotron.ca)

Wednesday Evening Contemplative Worship and Reflection at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Kate's office hours will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-12.

### HOLY WEEK at ST JOHN'S

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- **Palm Sunday, March 24** German/English, 11am
    - *Annual General Meeting with Luncheon, following the service*
  - **Maundy Thursday, March 28**, English, 7pm
  - **Good Friday, March 29**: German/English 11am
  - **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 30**, English, 8pm
  - **Easter Sunday, March 31** German/English, 11am
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