

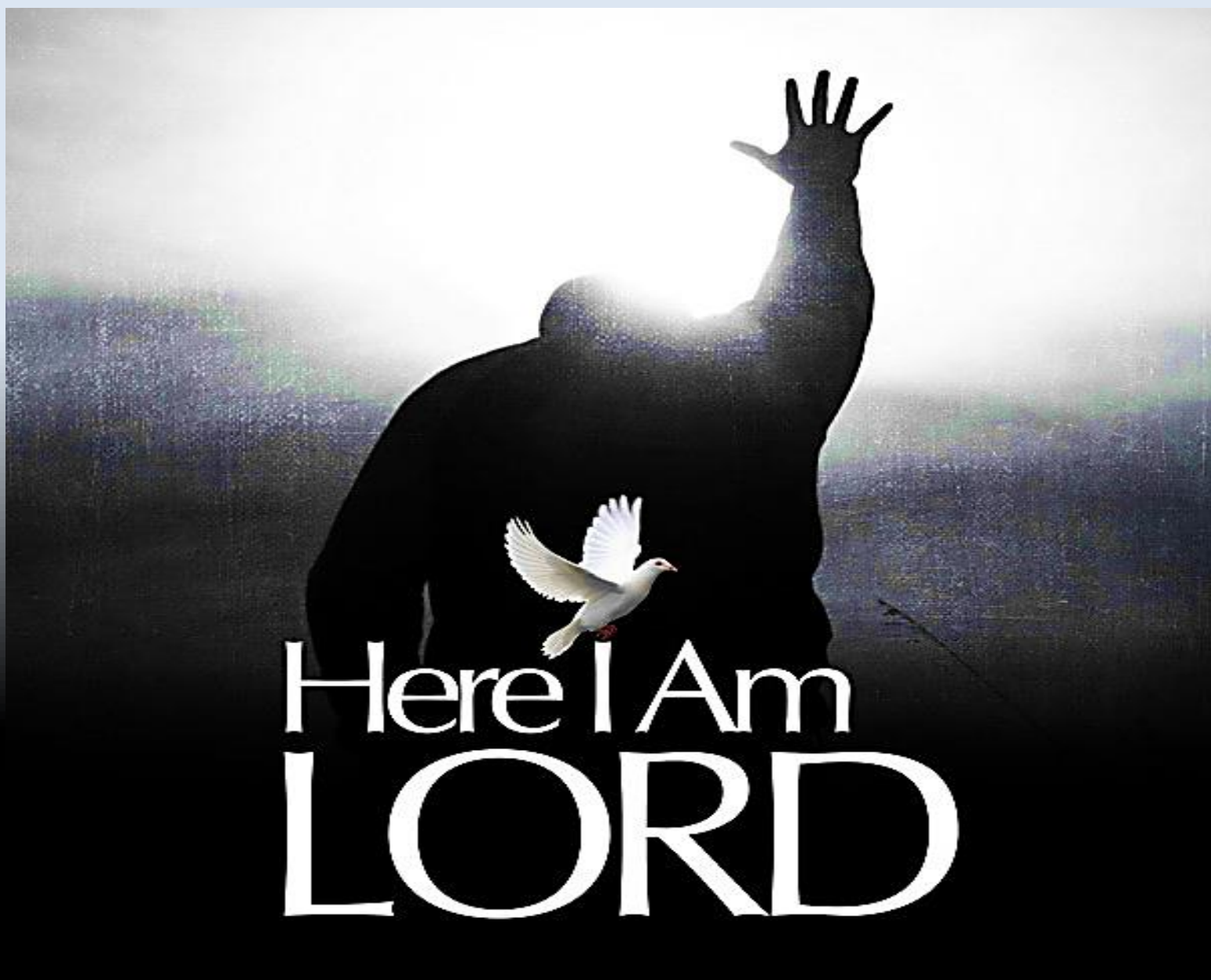
Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Lent

A SEASON OF  
PREPARATION

**MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**



Here I Am  
**LORD**

Verse 1

**I the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make the darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

## Chorus

**Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Verse 2

**I the Lord of snow and rain.**

**I have borne my peoples' pain.**

**I have wept for love of them,**

**They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone.**

**Give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them,**

**Whom shall I send?**

## Chorus

**Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Verse 3

**I the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give my life to them,  
Whom shall I send?**

## Chorus

**Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me,  
I will hold your people in my heart.**





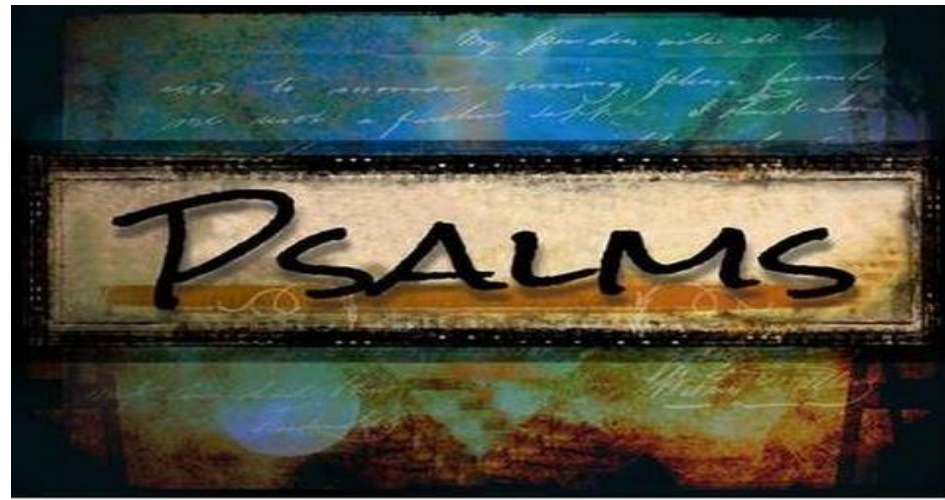
*Welcome  
To Our Church*

*We're so glad You're Here!*

**Announcements: Rev. Rob Henderson**

# Choir practice !!





*Psalm 121 (George Black)*

**Refrain:**

***“The Most Holy One  
keeps watch over you.”***



# *Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery*

**Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
May we see ourselves in you;  
If we learn to live your story  
We may die to rise anew,  
We may die to rise anew.**



*To  
Abraham  
& Sarah*

*Book of  
Common  
Praise 468*



Verse 1

**To Abraham and Sarah**  
**The call of God was clear:**  
**“Go forth and I will show you**  
**A country rich and fair.**  
**You need not fear the journey,**  
**For I have pledged my word**  
**“That you shall be my people**  
**And I will be your God.”**

Verse 2

**From Abraham and Sarah  
Arose a pilgrim race,  
Dependent for their journey  
On God's abundant grace;  
And in their heart was written  
By God this saving word,  
“That you shall be my people  
And I will be your God.”**

Verse 3

**We of this generation  
On whom God's hand is laid  
Can journey to the future  
Secure and unafraid,  
Rejoicing in God's goodness  
And trusting in this word,  
“That you shall be my people  
And I will be your God.”**

To Abraham & Sarah-3/3 end





# ***THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY***

***Celebrant:***

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.**

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* **Almighty God,**

*People:* **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**Trisagion – Hymn #707**

*Trisagion (sung 3 times)*

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us.**

*Repeat twice*

*We Say Together The Collect For The Day:*

**Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;**

**who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**





# THE READINGS

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# *The Proclamation of the Word*



# Genesis

**A Reading from the Book of  
Genesis (12:1-4a)**



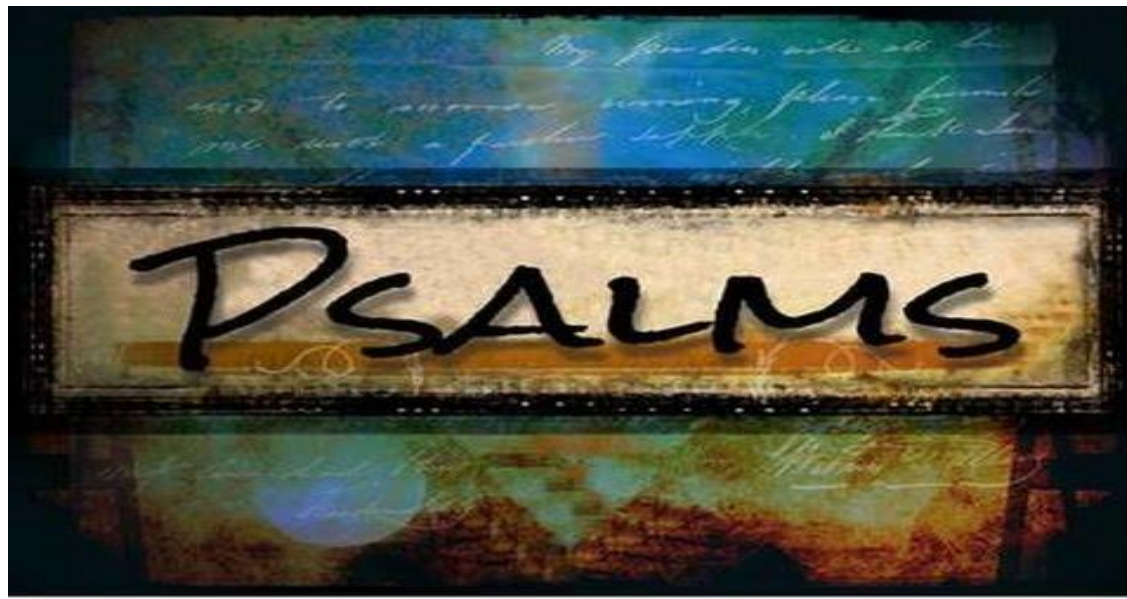
*Genesis 12:1-4a*

**Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you,**

**and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.**

*Reader:* **The word of the Lord.**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



*Psalm 121 (George Black)*

**Refrain:**

***“The Most Holy One  
keeps watch over you.”***

Psalm 121 (George Black)

**I lift my eyes to the hills.**

**from where is my help to come?**

**My help comes from the Lord.**

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

***The Most Holy One keeps watch over you.***

*Psalm 121 (George Black)*

**Who will not let your foot be moved  
Who watches over you and will not  
fall a-sleep?**

**Behold, God keeps watch over Israel.  
and will not slumber or sleep.**

***The Most Holy One keeps watch over you.***

Psalm 121 (George Black)

**God watches over you.**

**A shade at your right hand.**

**So that the sun shall not strike you by  
day nor the moon by night.**

***The Most Holy One keeps watch over you.***

Psalm 121 (George Black)

**Our God shall preserve you from all  
evil; and shall keep you safe**

**God shall watch over your going out  
and your coming in.**

**From this time forth and forever  
more.**

***The Most Holy One keeps watch over you.***





THE  
**GOSPEL** *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



*Book of Common Praise 040*

Verse 1

**O Spirit of the living God  
in all the fullness of thy grace  
wherever human foot hath trod,  
descend on our rebellious race.**



*All stand for the Gospel*

*Reader:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* **The Holy Gospel  
of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John.**

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

*John 3:1-17*

**Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."**

**Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."  
Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"  
Jesus answered,**

**"Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses,**

**and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?**



**"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven**

**except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "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. "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.**

*Reader:* **The Gospel of Christ.**

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

Verse 5

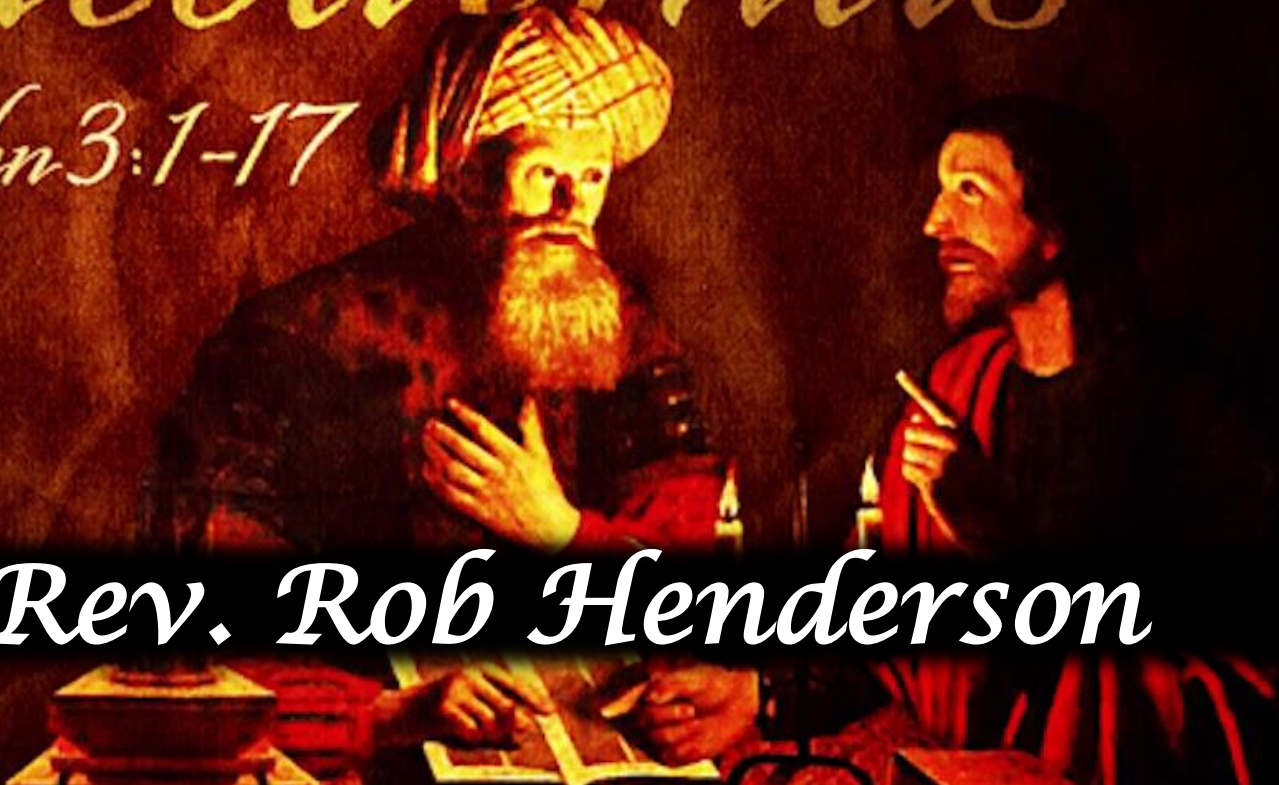
**Baptize the nations far and nigh  
the triumphs of the cross record;  
the name of Jesus glorify,  
till every kindred call him Lord**



# Nicodemus

John 3:1-17

Homily Rev. Rob Henderson





# *Prayers of the People*

Season of Easter-Lent wk 2/4



*Second Sunday in Lent – Year A*

**Confident that God knows and loves each of us, and understands our situation, let us pray saying:**

***In you we put our trust.***

**We pray for deepening personal faith for all Christians this Lenten time, and a renewed faith for all who are overwhelmed by doubt. You are our God.**

**In you we put our trust.**

**We pray for the church. For Todd our Bishop and all disciples in the Diocese of Huron. May we be vigilant and courageous in upholding the Christian faith and sensitive to the language and culture of each person seeking for God in their lives. You are our God.**

**In you we put our trust.**

**We long for our homes and our neighborhoods to reflect God's love in our caring our hospitality our welcoming of the stranger. You are our God.**

**In you we put our trust.**

**We pray for the sick, the dying, we  
pray for those who care for them.**

**We remember everyone on our  
parish prayer list, especially today  
we hold up: *Ted D., Alvin, Mary B.,  
Jean & Bill F., Saraann, and  
Kelly Stevens Hartley.***

**You are our God.**

**In you we put our trust.**

**We give you thanks and praise for  
the endless love and patience you  
show us whenever we turn away,  
please turn us back to you.  
You are our God.**

**In you we put our trust.**

**God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit.**

**Amen.**



# *Confession and Absolution*

*Celebrant:* **Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love  
and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.**

*Celebrant:* **Most merciful God,**

*People:* **we confess**

**that we have sinned**

**against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you**

**with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved**

**our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry  
and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*Celebrant:* **Almighty God**  
**have mercy upon you,**  
**pardon and deliver you**  
**from all your sins,**  
**confirm and strengthen you**  
**in all goodness,**  
**and keep you in eternal life;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*People:* **Amen.**



*Celebrant:* **The peace of the Lord  
be always with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

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# God, We Praise You for the Morning

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Songs for a Gospel People  
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Verse 1

**God, we praise you for the morning.**

**Hope springs forth with each new  
day.**

**New beginning, prayer and promise.**

**Joy in work and in play.**



Verse 5

**God, we praise you for the Saviour  
Come that we may know your ways.  
In His loving, dying, rising  
Christ is Lord of our days.**

**Receiving the  
gifts of money  
and other gifts  
for the needs  
and  
responsibilities  
of the Church.**

Lenten  
Offerings





# Altar Flowers

The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Barbara Warren in memory of her parents John and Florence Warren.

*Prayer Over The Gifts*

**God of wisdom,  
may the light of the eternal Word,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
guide us to your glory.**

**We ask this in his name.**

**Amen.**

Do This  
In Remembrance  
of Me



# Eucharistic Prayer # 1

*Celebrant:* **The Lord be with you.**

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* **Lift up your hearts.**

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

*Celebrant:* **Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God.**

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

*Celebrant:*     **It is indeed right  
that we should  
praise you, gracious God,  
for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
male and female you created us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,**



**but opened a path of salvation  
for all people.**

**You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants  
Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing  
to all nations.**

**Through Moses  
you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise  
of salvation.**

**Therefore, with them,  
and with all your saints  
who have served you  
in every age,  
we give thanks  
and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory  
of your name.**

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Dufford)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.**

**God of Power and Might**

**Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna on high.**

**Blessed is the one who comes**

**in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna in the Highest,**

**Hosanna in the Highest,**

**Hosanna, Hosanna on High.**

*Celebrant:*      **Holy God, source of life  
and goodness, all creation  
rightly gives you praise.**

**In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.**

**He healed the sick  
and ate and drank  
with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news  
of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things  
he fulfilled your gracious will.**

**On the night he freely  
gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
and said,**



**“Take, eat:  
this is my body  
which is given for you.**

**Do this  
for the remembrance of me.”**

**After supper  
he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said,**

**“Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood  
of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you  
and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Whenever you drink it, do this  
for the remembrance of me.”**

**Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys  
the power of sin and death;  
  
By raising him to life  
you give us life forever more.**

**Therefore we proclaim  
the mystery of faith:**

*All:* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:*      **Recalling his death,  
proclaiming  
his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming  
again in glory,  
we offer you, Father,  
this bread and this cup.**

**Send your Holy Spirit  
upon us and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink  
at this table  
may be one body  
and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Through Christ,  
with Christ,  
and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours,  
almighty Father,  
now and for ever.**

*People:* **Amen.**



# The Lord's Prayer

Our  
Father  
in  
Heaven



*The Lord's Prayer (Landry)*

*Cantor:* Let us pray to God our Father in the way  
Jesus taught 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 Yours is the kingdom,  
And the power,  
and the glory,  
Now and for ever. Amen**



*Breaking of The Bread #7*  
*Lent and Holy Week*

*Celebrant:* **We break this bread,**

*All:* **Communion in Christ's  
body once broken.**

*Celebrant:* **Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.**

*All:* **If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**





**The gifts of God  
for the  
People of God.  
*People:* **Thanks be to  
God.****



*Lamb  
of  
God*



Verse 1

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

Verse 2

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.**



Verse 3

*Cantor:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
grant us peace.**

*All:* **Lamb of God,  
You take away  
the sins of the World,  
grant us peace.**



Come <sup>to</sup> the Table

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE,  
IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.**

**Please stay physically distanced when  
approaching to receive the bread.**

**After receiving your wafer,  
please step to the side and remove your mask  
before consuming the bread.**

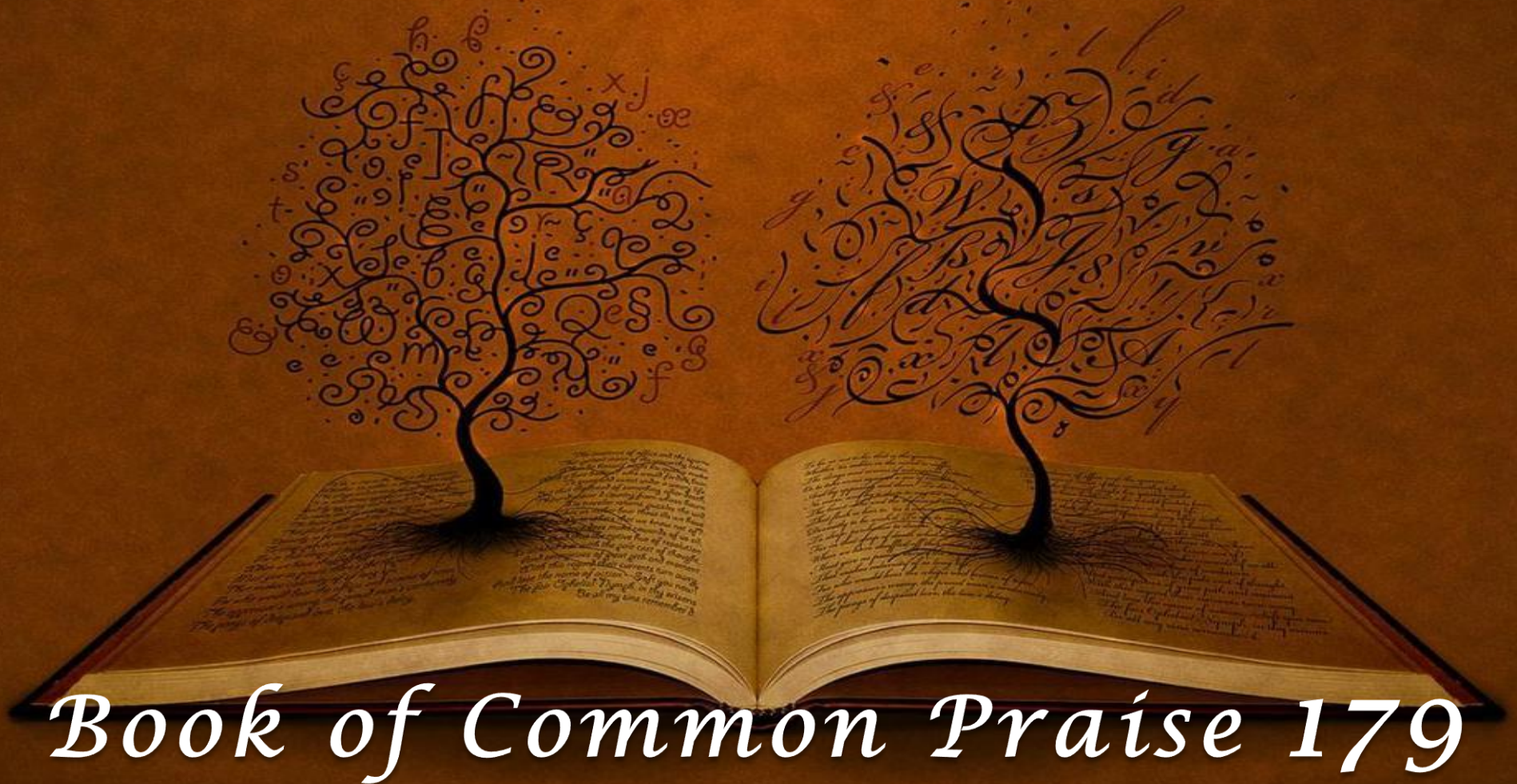
**Gluten free wafers are available.**

# *Communion Hymn*





# *Tree Of Life and Awesome Mystery*



*Book of Common Praise 179*

Verse 2

**Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
May we see ourselves in you;  
If we learn to live your story  
We may die to rise anew,  
We may die to rise anew.**

Verse 4

**Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
Come inflame our hearts anew.**

**We may all your joy inherit  
If we bear the cross with you,  
If we bear the cross with you.**

*We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:*

**Creator of heaven and earth,  
we thank you for these holy  
mysteries, which bring us now a  
share in the life to come,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



# *The Doxology*

*Celebrant:* **Glory to God,**

*People:* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than  
we can ask or imagine.**

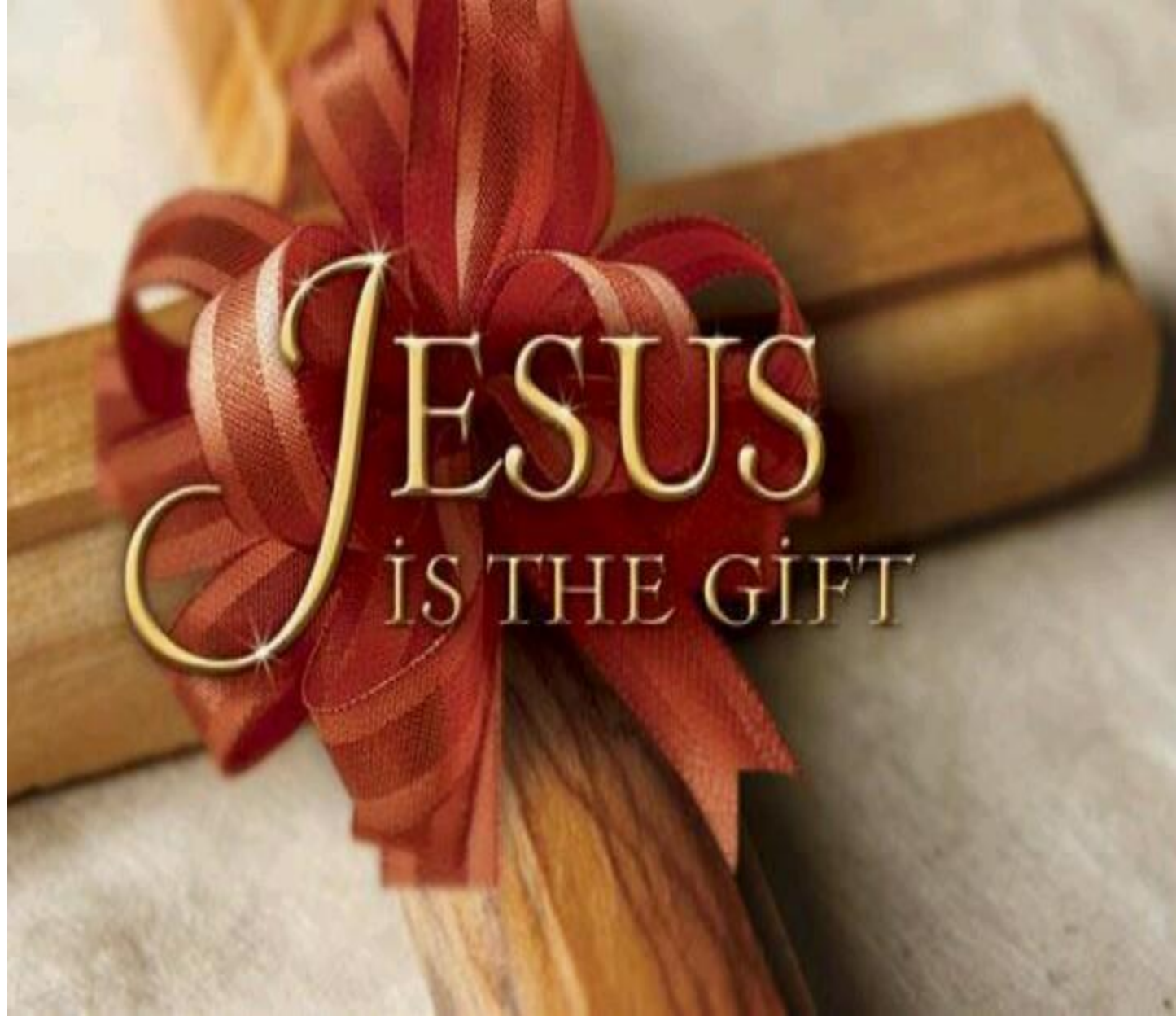
**Glory to God from  
generation to generation,  
in the Church and in  
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



# THE BLESSING

*Giver of  
the  
Perfect  
Gift*

*Book of  
Common  
Praise  
180*



*Verse 1*

**Giver of the perfect gift,  
Only hope of human race,  
Hear the prayer our hearts uplift  
Trembling at thy throne of grace.**

Verse 3

**Who can save us, Lord, but thou?  
Let thy mercy show thy power;  
Lo, we plead thy promise now,  
Now, in this accepted hour.**

Verse 5

**God, the Holy Trinity,  
Grant the mercy we implore.  
God the One, all praise to thee,  
Through the ages evermore.**



# *The Dismissal*





# *Days of Elijah*

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'

Luke 3,4



*Verse 1*

**These are the days of Elijah,  
Declaring the word of the Lord:  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses,  
Righteousness being restored.**

*Verse 1*

**And though these are  
Days of great trial,  
Of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still, we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'**

Chorus

**Behold He comes  
riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice,  
it's the year of jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill  
salvation comes**

Verse 2

**These are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise.**

*Verse 2*

**These are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in Your  
world,  
And we are the laborers  
In Your vineyard,  
Declaring the word of the Lord!**

Chorus

**Behold He comes  
riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice,  
it's the year of jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill  
salvation comes**

**There's no God like Jehovah!**  
**There's no God like Jehovah!**  
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**There's no God like Jehovah!**  
**There's no God like Jehovah!**  
**There's no God like Jehovah!**  
**There's no God like Jehovah !!!**

*Chorus*

**Behold He comes  
riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice,  
it's the year of jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill  
salvation comes**



Chorus

**Behold He comes  
riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call;  
Lift your voice,  
it's the year of jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill  
salvation comes**



Thank You For Worshipping With Us!



MY HELP COMES  
FROM THE LORD

PS. 121:2

*God Bless You & See you next week!*