



Third Sunday in Lent Worship Gathering March 12, 2023

15 South Bedford Road, Mount Kisco, NY 10549 914.666.5123 Office

www.LCRonline.org

Ministers, People of LCR Pastor, The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe Music Director, Ms. Xiaojing Chang

A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- Breathe
- **Ponder:** Whom did you bring with you on your heart today? For what or whom are you feeling thankful? What is making you anxious today? What do you need to confess today?
- Be still, empty your hands, empty your mind, let sounds pass you, wait upon God.

Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

As We Gather at Your Table



- gath-er at your ta-ble, as we wor-ship in to wit-ness in the lis - ten to your word,
- Turn our of wit-ness in the sac - ra ment life: Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to that share feast



our hearts and help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last least.



with till we claim it Nour - ish us sa - cred sto - ry our Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. be - hold your im - age in the world you may we still died save. join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the joy.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of celebration, you have invited all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love. Help us to be hospitable to all people at your banquet, so that all might receive your blessing. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

Amen.

Word

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-10

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

> ²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

⁶The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

⁹I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁰I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"

Thy Word (sung)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.
and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.
and a light unto my path.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' 5But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 10Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 13Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14For many are called, but few are chosen." The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



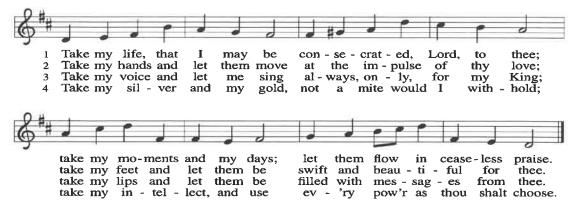
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Response: Hear our prayer.

Meal

OFFERING The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.

Take My Life, That I May Be

Verse 1



OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is by individual glass. Grape juice is also provided for those who prefer it.

BLESSING All Stand

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

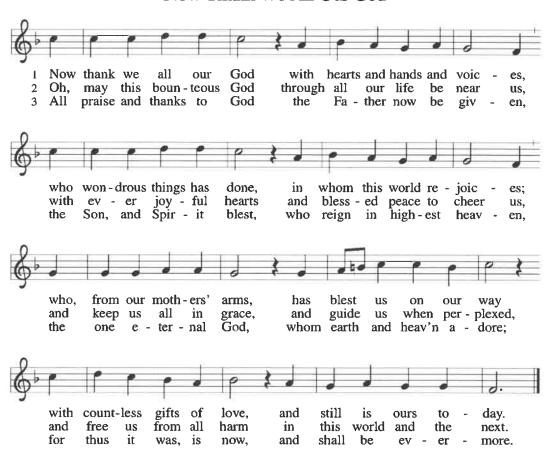
Sending

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, +Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

Now Thank We All Our God



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Grieving

The Rottger Family

Strength

The Carroll Family

The Balassi-Williams Family

Al Burkhart

Lynn Dagata

Janet Delgado

Gabe DeMaria

Meg Gaffney

Jason Haley

Miles Hartnett

Karl Hurowitz

Vincent Keane

Ryan Lynch

Marty Massey

The Ott Family

Alaina Pratley

Dr. Les Prusnofsky

Brian Tarner

Annette Vasel

First Responders and Healthcare Workers

Serving in the Armed Forces

Bryan Bennett

Timothy Deluniversita

Carmen Green

Nicole Hetzer

Jim Oliveto

Justin Ortega

Sean Hudgins

Jesse Fritz

Sister Congregation

Epiphany Bayamón