

Worship Leader Edition
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Anointing of Jesus

March 15, 2026

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME {*Front Center*} (Rob)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS {*Front Center*} (Rob)

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L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another (*please take a moment of silence*)

L: Gracious God,

C: 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 the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

L: 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 the Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Take My Life, That I May Be”
Verses 1, 2, 5

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Verse 1

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Verse 5

Take my will and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Verse 2

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;

GREETING {*Front Center*} (Bette Gamboni)

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

C: And also with you.

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE BE SEATED”

KYRIE (*cantor and congregation*)

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: Heavenly Father, may I sit at Your feet and worship You with all that I am and all that I have. May the beauty of Jesus seep into my soul and become a life-giving fragrance of His love, to all with whom I come in contact today. In Jesus' name I pray,

C: **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (*Andrea*)

FIRST READING (*Julie Klein*)

Romans 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: **Please stand as you are able.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Rob*)

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

PLEASE SAY: "PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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Verse 1

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Verse 2

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Verse 3

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

Verse 4

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth

THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

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C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS”

THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (*Rob*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*Rob*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Rob*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Rob*)

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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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*On Screen*)

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L: During this time of reflection and response, please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered, collection plates are in the front and back. To give electronically, a QR code is in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org. A link is at the bottom of every page. Email prayers to office@stlukesbloomington.org. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Thee We Adore”
St. Luke’s Choir

R. Johnson

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*) (**REMAIN SEATED**)

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *{Front Center}* (Rob)

L: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES (Rob)

PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

BENEDICTION *{Front Center}* (Rob) (**STAND**)

L: “Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God,
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High, walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.”
(Joanna Harader/Spacious Faith)

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

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Verse 1

Jesus, priceless treasure,
source of purest pleasure,
truest Friend to me;
Ah! how long I've panted,
and my heart has fainted,
thirsting, Lord, for Thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb,
nothing in this world can hide thee,
naught I ask beside thee.

Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;
yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Verse 3

Hence, all fears and sadness,
for the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in;
God, who dearly loves us,
from all trial saves us,
gives sweet peace within.
I have borne this worldly scorn;
still in thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesu, priceless treasure!

Verse 2

In thine arm I rest me,
foes who would molest me
cannot reach me here;
though the earth be shaking,
every heart be quaking,

DISMISSAL *{Back}* (Choir)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE