

During the COVID-19 outbreak we will be unable to worship together. However, we encourage everyone to continue their worship privately or with your family. The sermon, prayers, and readings will be recorded and available on our website each Sunday, and most of them will also be broadcast on KLGK the following week.

Worship Liturgy Fourth Sunday in Lent

Greetings, Good News, Announcements

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Opening Song "O Worship the King" #2

O Worship the King 2

1 O wor-ship the King, all glo-rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
4 Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we

sing his power and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -
trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies how ten - der, how

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend.

WORDS: Robert Grant (1779-1838); para. Psalm 104
MUSIC: Attr. Johann M. Haydn (1737-1806); William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, Vol. II, 1815

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Call to Worship (read responsively)

One: Shepherd us, God.

Many: Open our ears to your calling.

One: Shepherd us, God.

Many: Open our eyes to see your care.

One: Shepherd us God.

Many: Shear our fascination with the ways of the world.

One: Shepherd us, God.

Many: Prepare us to follow.

Opening Prayer (prayed together)

Magnificent God who sees all that we can see and everything that we cannot, we gather in awe of your vision that is broad and vast. Be with us now as we worship you. Awaken us to your holiness, inspire us with your creative power, and peel back our layers of anxiety and fear. Enliven us to trust fully in your love for us as we struggle and strive to be who you call us to be, in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: Walking the dog, reading a bedtime story, recycling newspapers - in every moment, in every place, God is there. Let us confess how often we do not see God in our lives, especially in how we live them. Join me, as we pray together our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession (prayed together)

God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but only give our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping.

Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. Forgive us and break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom our thirst for hope and joy is quenched. Amen.

A Moment for Silent Reflection and Repentance

Words of Assurance (read responsively)

One: God does not disappoint us. Our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we are sent forth to serve.

Many: In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Middle Song "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #440

TRUST & ASSURANCE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 440

1 Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre- pare:
keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos-oms fill:

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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WORDS: Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847); *Hymns for the Young*, 1836
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

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An Affirmation of Faith (read together)

I believe I need a shepherd. Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident, because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do, because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places, because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness, because the things I crave may not be what is good for me, I need a shepherd.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd; his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities, his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid, his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden, his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue, I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd. I believe that I do not find him but he finds me, that I under his care by virtue of sheer grace, the love he gives me is to be shared with others, that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me, that his fold transfixes earth and heaven. I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. Amen.

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Focus Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 read from *The Message*

Message “What Are **You** Seeking?”

Offering Prayer of Dedication

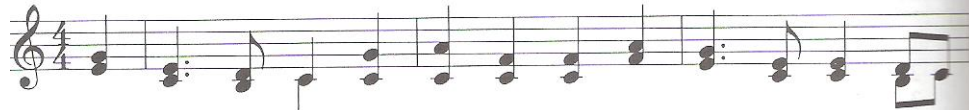
One: Receive and bless our offerings, God. May they bring the goodness of our ministry to your world. Receive and bless our transformed lives also, as we offer them in service to you. Amen.

Closing Song "He Leadeth Me" #499

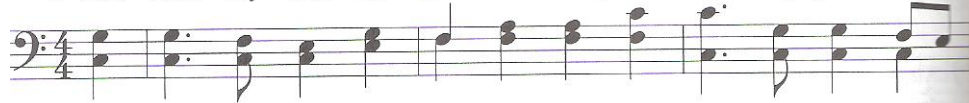
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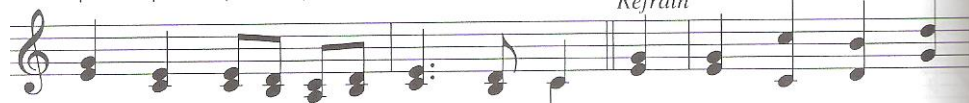
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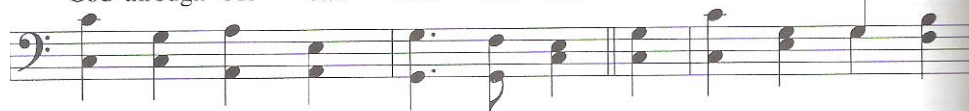
1 He lead - eth me, O bless - ed thought! O words with heav - en - ly
2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
3 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the



com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where - e'er I be, still
nor re - pine; con - tent, what - e'er my lot may be, since
vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since



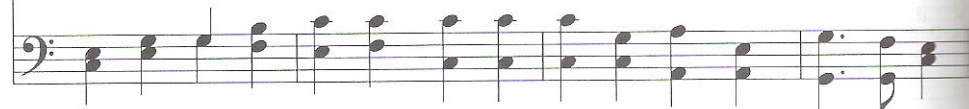
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'tis my God who lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he
God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me; his



faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.



WORDS: Joseph H. Gilmore (1834-1918)
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

HE LEADETH ME
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