

Welcome to worship at New Hanover

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Introduction - *Join us on the Journey of Healing through Lent.*

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!


Prelude *Partita on He Leadeth Me* Charles Callahan

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Welcome


Opening Dialogue and Hymn

Leader
freely




Come and see, the time is here.

All




Now is the day of sal - va - tion.

Leader



Turn to us, O sav - ing God.

All




Let your light shine in our dark - ness.

Leader
a tempo



Come, a - bide a - mong us now.

All



Bring to the world a - bun - dant



life.

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All

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my
 2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my
 3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my

Life: Such a way as gives us
 Strength: Such a light as shows a
 Heart: Such a joy as none can

breath; Such a truth as ends all strife; Such a
 feast; Such a feast as mends in length; Such a
 move; Such a love as none can part; Such a

D.S.

life as con - quers death.
 strength as makes his guest.
 heart as joys in love.

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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’s mercy, grace, and peace be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

As tender as parent to child, O God, so gently are you to the poor.
 As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is your love for the world.
 As far as east is from the west, so far you remove our sin.
 Remember how we are made, O God, remember we are dust. Heal our lives, renew our strength, and crown us with your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

Word

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

Psalm 103



Antiphon



Re - turn, re - turn to God, who is



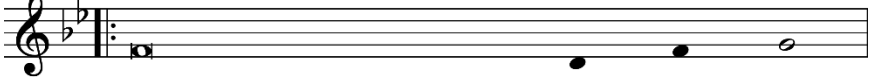
gra-cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger and a -



bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Verses 1 and 2

Group I

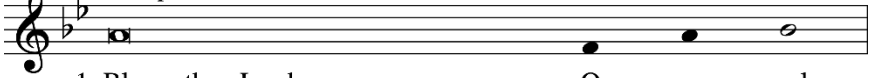


1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
2. who forgives all your in - iquity,

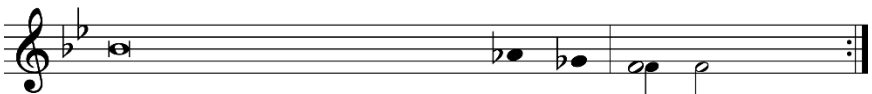


1. and all that is within me bless God's ho - ly name.
2. who heals all your dis - eases,

Group II



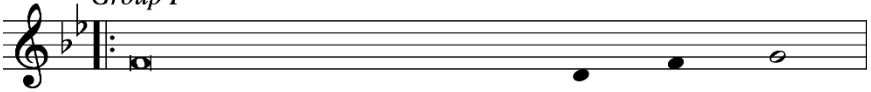
1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
2. who redeems your life from the Pit,



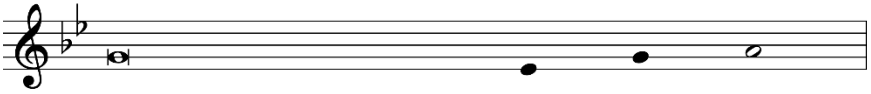
1. and do not forget all God's ben - e - fits, To Verse 2
2. who crowns you with steadfast love and mer-cy. To Antiphon

Verses 3 and 4

Group I

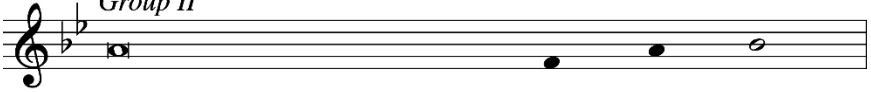


3. God satisfies you with good as long as you live
4. God knows how we were made,



3. so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
4. and remembers that we are dust.

Group II



3. God will not al - ways ac - cuse,
4. God's love en - dures for - ever.



3. nor will God's anger last for - ever. *To Verse 4*
4. God's righteousness is ev - er - last - ing. *To Antiphon*

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Gospel Hymn

What Wondrous Love This Is

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Storing Up & Letting Go

Intercessions

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for everyone in need, here and throughout the world.



Refrain

All



Watch, O Lord, with all those a - wake this night,



Watch, O Lord, with all those who weep; Give your



an-gels and saints charge o-ver all who sleep.

Verses

Leader/Cantor

All



- 1. Tend your ail - ing ones:
- 2. Soothe your suf - f'ring ones: in your love, Lord;
- 3. Hold your griev - ing ones:
- 4. Guard your lit - tle ones:

Leader/Cantor

All



- Rest your wea - ry ones:
- Heal af - flict - ed ones: in your love, Lord;
- Raise your fall - en ones:
- Guide your seek - ing ones:

Leader/Cantor

All

To Refrain



- Bless your dy - ing ones:
- Shield your joy - ous ones: in your love, O Lord of all.
- Mend your bro - ken ones:
- Grant us all your peace:

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Most holy and merciful God,
**we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole
company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our
own fault, by our own most grievous fault, 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, and mind, and
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have
not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We
have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your
Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that
have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

The Imposition of Ashes

Please make a sign of the cross on your forehead or wrist with your pre mixed ashes, or spread ashes on the ground, then say: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
Bring us with all our saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Sending

Announcements

Nunc Dimittis



All


Now Lord, you let your
ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful - filled. My
own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a
light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace.

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

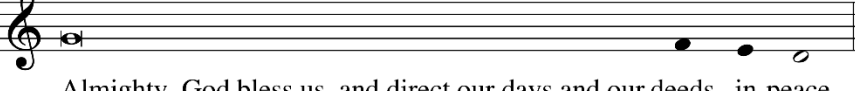
Benediction

Leader *freely* *All*




Bless God's ho - ly Name. Thanks be to God.

Leader



Almighty God bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

All
a tempo



A - men, A - men,
A - men.

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Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

"The Worship has ended, please go in peace."

Postlude

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

David Paxton

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