

# Christ Our Redeemer

Lent 2 – February 28, 2021

Pastor Tom Engelbrecht

*be still*

AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

WELCOME

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**“O Sifuni Mungu”**

Eagle Choir

by David Maddux & Marty McCall, Arr. by Roger Emerson

Viumbe vyo te vya Mungu wetu na Mfal me wetu  
*All creatures of our God and King*  
Pazeni sauti ilinasi mwimbe  
*Lift up your voice and sing with us*  
Watu wote, viumbe vyote, awaye yote, sifu Mungu  
*All men, all creatures, everybody, praise God*  
Imbeni Sing!

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam;  
Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear!  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light;  
Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness.  
Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One!

## INVOCATION

Pastor: We make our beginning this morning in the name of God the Father, who created us, God the Son, who redeemed us, and God the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies us.

Congregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: God invites us to come into his presence to worship him with humble and penitent hearts. For that reason, let's confess our very real, very deadly sins before our God and ask him to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worry and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

*Silence for personal repentance over specific sins*

P: Here's the good news. You have no reason to live in fear or worry over your sin. Jesus lived, Jesus died, and now Jesus is risen again! All this he did for your sake, to give you the greatest gift: full and free forgiveness of all your sins, and the certain promise of eternal life in heaven. You now live at peace with God, who remembers your transgressions no more.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, we live in a world which surrounds us with all kinds of worries. There are so many things which lead our hearts into fear and doubt about our futures. We ask for the peace, Lord, that you and you alone can give. Calm our fears and dispel our doubts by reminding us of your unchanging love in Christ Jesus, who now rules all things for the good of your Church. We pray all these things for his name's sake:

C: Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON –

**Psalm 46:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
<sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.  
<sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
<sup>8</sup> Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## ***"Be Still"***

Eagle Choir

Lyrics by Herb Frombach; Music by Mary McDonald

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.  
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.  
Come unto Me, My child, be still, And know that I will give you rest.  
I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.  
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you.  
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.  
Peace I leave with you; My peace, I give unto you. Peace. Peace. Peace  
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still. Be still. Be still.

## ***"The Lord Is My Light"***

Eagle Choir

By Karen Crane & Janet Durksen; Arr. by Stewart Harris

The Lord is my light and He is my salvation, I will not be afraid.  
I will not fear the night, I will not dread the day.  
I'll walk in the light of love, the light of His love.  
The Lord is my light and He is my salvation, I will not be afraid. I will not be afraid.  
When darkness closes in around me, when enemies are at my side,  
The Lord is my strength and shield. I will not be afraid.  
I will rejoice for His rod and His staff will be my guide, His staff will be my guide.

The Lord is my light and He is my salvation, I will not be afraid.  
I will not fear the night, I will not dread the day.  
I'll walk in the light of love, the light of His love.  
The Lord is my light and He is my salvation, I will not be afraid. The Lord will be my Light!

## EPISTLE LESSON

## 1 Peter 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire —may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## GOSPEL

## Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."  
<sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## SERMON HYMN

### *"Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

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Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
For you, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
I know that you will strength - en My steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
And noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
For when your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

# be still

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Heavenly Father, we live in a world plagued with disease, hunger, discord, injustice, and every other form of brokenness caused by sin. We are also aware of how much we have contributed to the troubles of our world with our own sins in thought, word, and deed.

**C: Forgive us, Lord, for every way in which we have sowed strife and pain into our world.**

P: Though aware of our sin, we are also aware of the solution you have provided by sending your Son Jesus. Because of his life, death, and resurrection, we have freedom from the guilt of our misdeeds and from the eternal death we deserve.

**C: May we always be thankful for Christ's great sacrifice on our behalf.**

P: Because Jesus lives, we also will live! Even when life in this world seems hopeless, the resurrection of Jesus fills us with the certain hope of our own resurrection. In a world full of death and decay, we know that life eternal is our true inheritance.

**C: Set our hearts at rest, as we keep our eyes fixed on that heavenly goal.**

P: Knowing Jesus also means knowing how we are to live in this world. We ought no longer to be people characterized by selfishness, hurtfulness, and pride. In Christ, we are raised to be people who serve and heal with humility.

**C: Move us by your Holy Spirit to be people who sow the peace of Jesus into our world.**

P: We also know that Satan sets so many spiritual traps in his attempts to shipwreck our faith. The youth of our nation especially find themselves under many pressures to abandon your unchanging truth for worldly lies that are more socially and culturally acceptable.

**C: Use faithful parents, pastors, teachers, and friends to keep them rooted in your Word both now and for the rest of their lives.**

*Special prayer requests may be offered at this time.*

P: Hear us now, Lord, as we also bring you our private requests.

*Silent prayer*

P: We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who also taught us to pray ...

## THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another, and serve the Lord with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

## *“Simeon’s Blessing”*

Eagle Choir  
by Pepper Choplin

Now let your servant depart in peace, according to Your holy Word.  
For You have shown this Child to me, and my eyes have seen the Holy One of Israel.

For all my life I have been waiting, as I prayed for this day to come.  
And You have heard my patient plea, and have shown to me the Holy One of Israel.

Bless you as His parents, who will raise this Holy Child  
Who will cause many to fall and to rise again.  
Bless you as His parents, and all who will love this Child.  
For a sword will pierce your soul.

Lord, let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your holy Word.  
For you have shown this Child to me, and my eyes have seen the Holy One of Israel. Amen.

*be still*

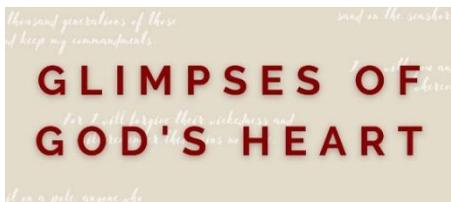
AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

PSALM 46:10

**THANK YOU:** Our thanks to the Eagle Choir from Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School. RMLHS is an accredited Christian high school located in the Denver metro area. They provide a college prep curriculum, a five days per week schedule, higher than average college entrance scores, and teachers who value mentoring high school students. Their mission is to use the Word of God to prepare students as disciples of Christ by nurturing their spiritual life and developing their intellectual, physical, and social skills for dedicated service to their Savior.

### Eagle Choir Roster

Soprano: Madison Bell, Eugenia Guajardo, Kaedence Halterman, Michaela Larson  
Tenor: Jaxon Borchardt, Ashtyn Roybal, William Shade  
Bass: Erik Kennedy, Tristan Kohtz, Jared Schlittenhart  
Directed by: Mrs. Dawn Punke



**Sundays in Lent:** In this season of Lent we focus on our Savior's path to the cross for us and for our salvation. The Wednesday services during Lent focus on the Passion, or suffering, of Jesus. The Sunday worship services in Lent are designed to be little glimpses of the victory that Jesus won on

Easter. Our Sunday worship during Lent is going to focus on the "Glimpses of God's Heart" from some of the most familiar and important verses of the Old Testament. Join us during Lent to catch a glimpse of God's heart as he shows his providing care, his accessibility, jealousy (in a good way!), grace, forgiveness and humility. Services are at 8a and 10:30a.

**Midweek Lent Services:** As Jesus made his way to the cross on our behalf he was always fully present in his suffering by his Word and action. He truly came to be "with us" as he suffered and died. At the same time, he was also "without us," carrying out the will of his Heavenly Father alone as his disciples slept, betrayed, fled and denied him, and as the world rejected, despised and mocked him so that he could suffer and die for us. Join us for the midweek Lent services at 7p.



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