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# OUR JOURNEY:

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WAKING TO WONDER

THE FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
*February 21, 2021*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Prélude au Kyrie*  
*(from Hommage à Frescobaldi, Mvt. 1)*

J. LANGLAIS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Amy Kienzle

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.  
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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KYRIE

PULKINGHAM/JOHNSON

High Voices: Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son, Ky - ri -

Low Voices: Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son,

e E - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son.

*Verses* For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Heavenly God, heavenly Father,  
**in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of  
temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism.  
May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over  
us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

LESSON

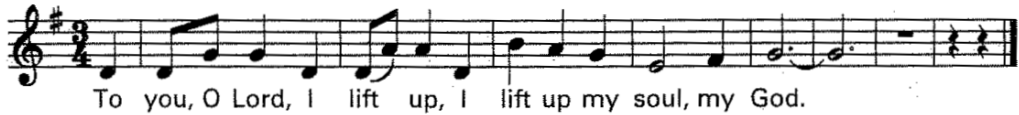
Greg VanAcker, Lector

Genesis 9:8-17

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Verses* Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.  
 Guide me in your truth, for you are my God, and for you I will wait. **Refrain**

Good and upright is the Lord; he shows us the way.  
 He guides the meek to justice, he teaches the humble to follow his ways. **Refrain**

Your way, O Lord, is kindness to those who are true.  
 Your friendship is with those who love you; you reveal them to your Word. **Refrain**

## LESSON

Libby Bullock, Lector

1 Peter 3:18-22

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

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**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL PROLOGUE

*One does not live on bread alone,  
 but every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

*Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

*After the reading:* The Gospel of our Lord.

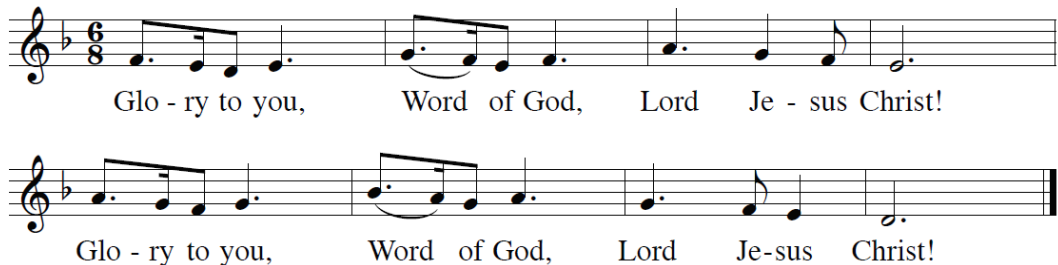
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Lenten Gospel Acclamation***

T. ALONSO

Refrain



*Confitemini Domino/  
Come and Fill our Hearts*

English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.  
 Latin: Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Mary Robinson

*After each petition:* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your household.

**And also with you.**

## THANKSGIVING

## OFFERTORY

*As we come together living out our faith in unity amidst a national and global emergency,  
 we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need.*

*Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings.*

*You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERTORY title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.*

*If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our  
 Worship With St John's Card here.*

*Sonata in F Major*  
*Mvts. 1 & 4 - Larghetto & Giga*  
 Bill Damian, Flute

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. Gracious God,

we have heard your Word of Life today. While our sin is great, your determination to save has proven greater. Thank you for Jesus who leads us out of the wilderness and into the community declaring, "The kingdom of God has come near." Embolden us with the gift of your Holy Spirit that we may share your love and salvation with all creation, through Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

## SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

S. JOHNSON

Congregation

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom  
 come, Thy will be done, on earth, As it is in hea - ven.  
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread And for - give us our tres - pass - es.  
 As we for - give Those who tres - pass a - gainst us.  
 And lead us not In - to temp - ta - tion And de - liv - er us from  
 e - vil. For thine is the king dom and the pow - er And the glo - ry for -  
 ev - er, and ev - er, and ev - er. A - men

# SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

HYMN 768

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with you. Lead me my whole life through

The refrain consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for 'Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you'. The second staff continues with 'lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each'. The third staff concludes with 'day with you. Lead me my whole life through'. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes 'can - not' and 'let me walk'.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am  
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways  
dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

The verses consist of three staves of music in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first three verses. The second staff continues with the fourth verse. The third staff concludes with the fifth verse. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes 'can - not' and 'let me walk'.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,  
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

*Fantasia in G Major (The Great), BWV 572*  
*(Vivace/Gravement/Lentement)*

J. S. BACH

## SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Amy Kienzle
<b>Liturgist</b>	Vicar Katie Holeman
<b>Lectors</b>	Greg VanAcker, Libby Bullock
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Pastor Jon Haug
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mary Robinson
<b>Assistant Director of Communications</b>	Esperanza Foft
<b>Director of Worship &amp; Music</b>	Steven Johnson
<b>Assistant Director of Worship &amp; Music</b>	Eliseo Paniagua
<b>Organ</b>	Dr. Ryan Enright
<b>Piano</b>	Steven Johnson
<b>Viola</b>	Howie Montenegro
<b>Flute</b>	Bill Damian
<b>Cantors</b>	Joel Barkel, Heather Mercer, Howie Montenegro, Nicole Newell, Eliseo Paniagua, Sarah Jessop Street
<b>Audio/Visual Technicians</b>	John Bogni/Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft, Sierra Ronning

