

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025



“Turn our hearts around.
Flood our souls completely.
Wash us in your love.”

—From “Turn Our Hearts Around,” Lenten Sunday Gospel Hymn

LENT IS A SEASON SET APART . . .

A Rule of Life is a commitment to a core set of practices that support growth in a Jesus-Centered life. The Episcopal Church names its Rule of Life *The Way of Love*.

The Way of Love offers seven practices for a Jesus-centered life. One of them is TURN. During Lent 2025, St. Francis' liturgy and Lenten offerings will focus on this practice. When we TURN, we pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus. With God's help, we can turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice, and oppression toward the way of truth, love, hope, justice, and freedom. In turning, we reorient our lives to Jesus Christ, falling in love again, again, and again.

The *Book of Common Prayer* offers an ancient pastoral rite which can help us to turn to the way of truth, love and hope; it is called the Reconciliation of a Penitent (BCP, p. 447). In this sacramental rite, a person confesses their sins to God in the presence of a priest and receives the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution. In other traditions, this rite is also called penance or confession. We invite you to take part in this powerful experience of naming and releasing those things that separate us from God to make new space for grace, restoration, and fullness of life, on Wednesday evenings in Lent from 5pm-7pm. See the newsletter link or email Laurie+ to set an appointment.

Liturgy: There are several significant liturgical changes. We open with the Great Litany. This emphasizes that Lent is a time for turning and re-turning to God. There is no Gloria and no speaking of the word "alleluia!" in Lent. We will hear these words on Easter Day! Finally, after the Post-communion prayer, the priest will offer a Solemn Prayer, instead of the usual blessing. This prayer changes with each week of Lent.

Colors: We replace the green of Epiphany with purple and burlap. Purple is the color of humility, penance, and wisdom that comes from inward discernment. It is also the color of royalty. The extreme differences between the two (humility and royalty) express one of the great lessons of Lent: Christ as the servant-king and our attempt to be as such to the world as well. In penitential theology, purple is the color of inward reflection, which is one of the important things we are called to do each Lent in preparation for Easter. Burlap is a rough and simple cloth. It signifies the fasting, doing without, of Lent.

Seating: Our chairs are turned to face one another. This stark contrast from our usual forward facing chair arrangement wakes us up to the Lent as a season of penitence. In Lent, we seek to turn to God more fully. We face one another to confess our need for God and the ways in which we have not loved God and our neighbors with our whole hearts.

Baptismal Font: The baptismal bowl is removed and Christ's cross replaces it. This serves as a reminder that "the spiritual grace of our baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection" (Book of Common Prayer, Catechism, p. 858).

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

Please be seated and silent for the prelude as it prepares our minds and souls for the worship to come.

PRELUDE 10:30am only **O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS**

THE GREAT LITANY *Stand.*

At 8am, spoken.

The significance of The Great Litany is deep: It is our oldest original English language rite, it is all-encompassing and focuses our prayers for ourselves and for the world, and it is the strongest way to begin "keeping a Holy Lent." It creates structured contemplation within Liturgy. It provides a space for pausing and listening which are essential to the practice of Turning.

Officiant

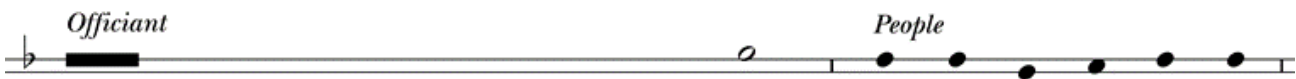
People



O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant


People



O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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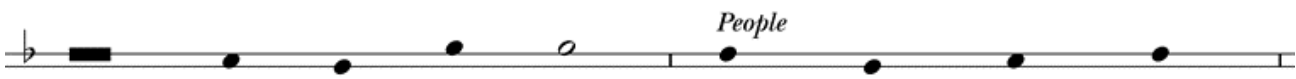
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People



preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

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From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

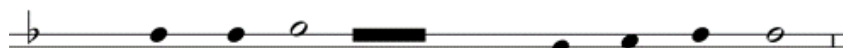
(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

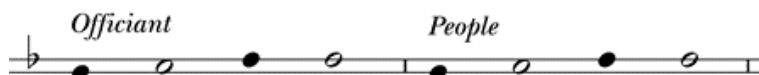


O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

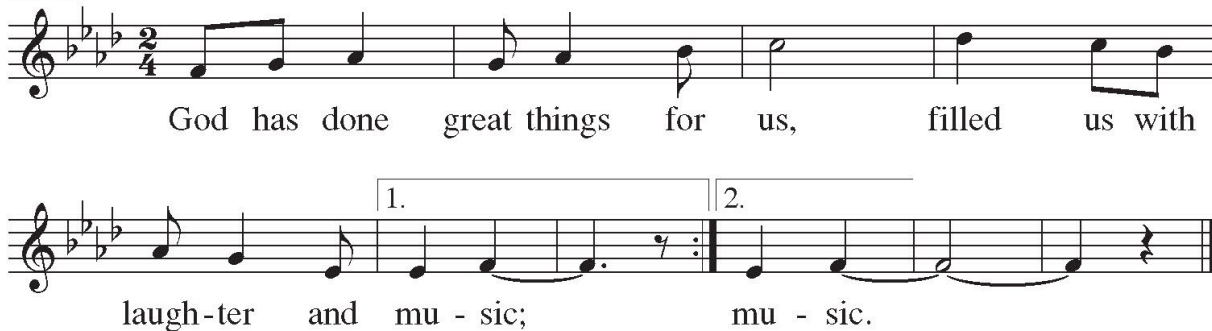
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY *At 8am, spoken.* 126

The congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.

Refrain



Verses

1. When our God led us back to freedom,
like dreamers we beheld the promised land again;
our mouths were filled with laughter and rejoicing.
2. We proclaimed to the nations what you had done for us;
your mighty deeds of love, restoring us to life,
you lead your people home to you rejoicing.
3. Come restore our fortune, renew us in your love,
as rivers through the sand, as springs within the desert;
those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the

heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

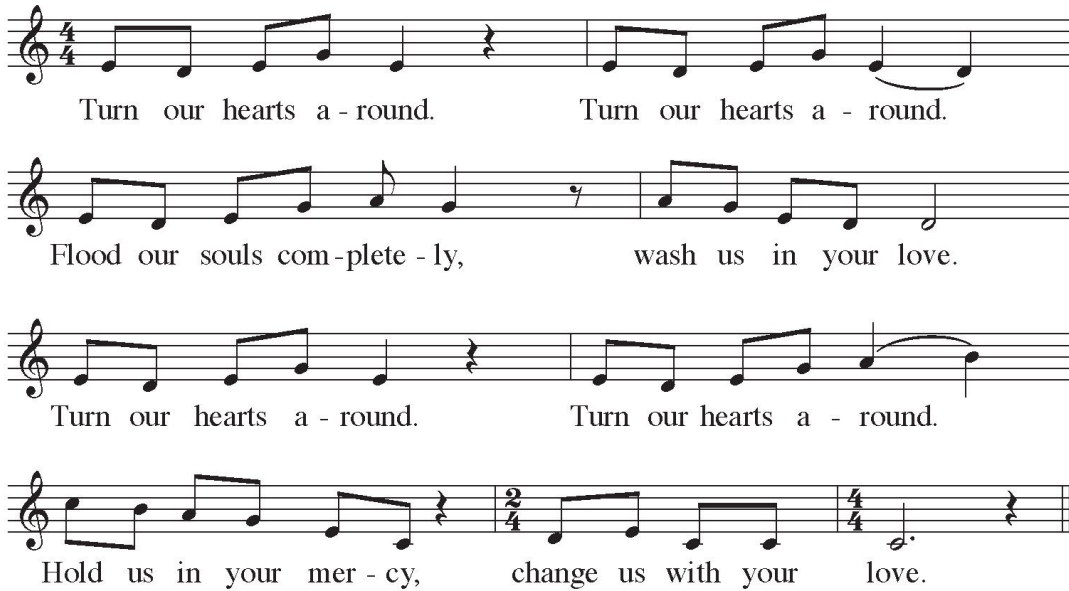
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand*

TURN OUR HEARTS AROUND

At 10:30am, we sing verse 1.

Refrain



Turn our hearts a - round. Turn our hearts a - round.
Flood our souls com-plete - ly, wash us in your love.
Turn our hearts a - round. Turn our hearts a - round.
Hold us in your mer - cy, change us with your love.

Verses



1. We cry out for you to heal and to
2. We have wan - dered and lost our way in life's
set us free. Bring us back. Turn our hearts a - round.
wil - der - ness. D.C.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

12:1-8

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON TURNS OUR HEARTS AROUND

At 10:30am, sing verse 2. Music on previous page.

SERMON

THE REV. ERIN PICKERSGILL

After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

Deacon We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

People **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated*

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Presider Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

MEDITATION SONG *8:00am only*

THE CROSS OF JESUS
PERFORMED BY RC LITURGY AND SERVICE MUSIC
MUSIC ON FOLLOWING PAGE



1. Come, O God, re - new your peo - ple,
2. Deep with - in cre - ate a new heart;
3. In the dark - ness that sur - rounds us
4. Call us forth to walk in jus - tice;



We who long to see your face.
Melt a - way the win - ter chill.
We have lost you from our sight.
Res - cue us from sin and grave.



Strength - en hearts that have grown fee - ble;
Help us now to make a new start;
E - ven though your love has found us,
Through the pow - er of your Spir - it,



Fill our lives with truth and grace.
Help us now to know your will.
We em - brace the powers of night.
Breathe in us the breath that saves.



On - ly you can win our free - dom;
Washed in wa - ters of for - give - ness,
Scat - ter now our deep - est dark - ness;
Strength - en us in our com - mun - ion,



On - ly you can bring us peace.
Cleansed in wa - ters of new birth,
Guide our hearts in - to the light.
One in Word and cup and bread.



On - ly in the cross of Je - sus
Lead us to the cross of Je - sus,
Join us to the cross of Je - sus.
Here with - in the cross of Je - sus



Will the cap - tives find re - lease.
Bring - ing life to all the earth.
Help us set our liv - ing right.
All who hun - ger will be fed.

At 10:30, as the ushers bring forth the offering, all stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

Say at 8am: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30am:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed the
one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-
san-na in the high-est.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Say at 8am:

Priest:

Let us pro-claim the mys-ter-y of faith:

All

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

At 8am, spoken.

All O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

At 10:30am, sung.

Cantor: All:

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:

have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: All:

1. Bread of life and sav - ing cup,
2. King of kings and Lord of lords, you take a - way the
3. Lov - ing Sav - ior, Prince of peace,

sins of the world: have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Cantor: All:

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:

have mer - cy, and grant us your peace.

Presider God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION *8am*

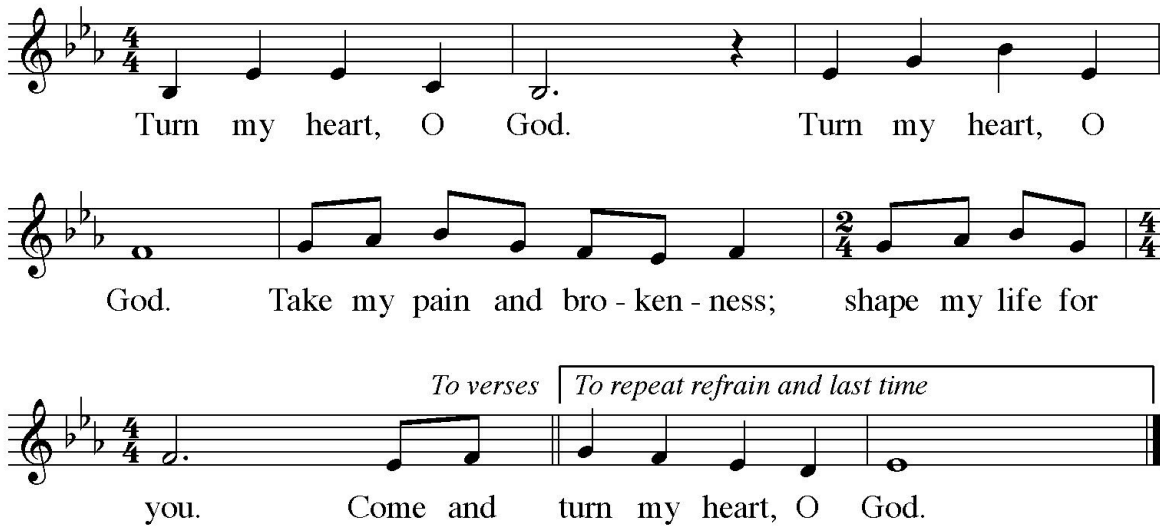
TURN MY HEART, O GOD

PERFORMED BY KATE WILLIAMS

MUSIC ON FOLLOWING PAGE

TURN MY HEART, O GOD

Refrain



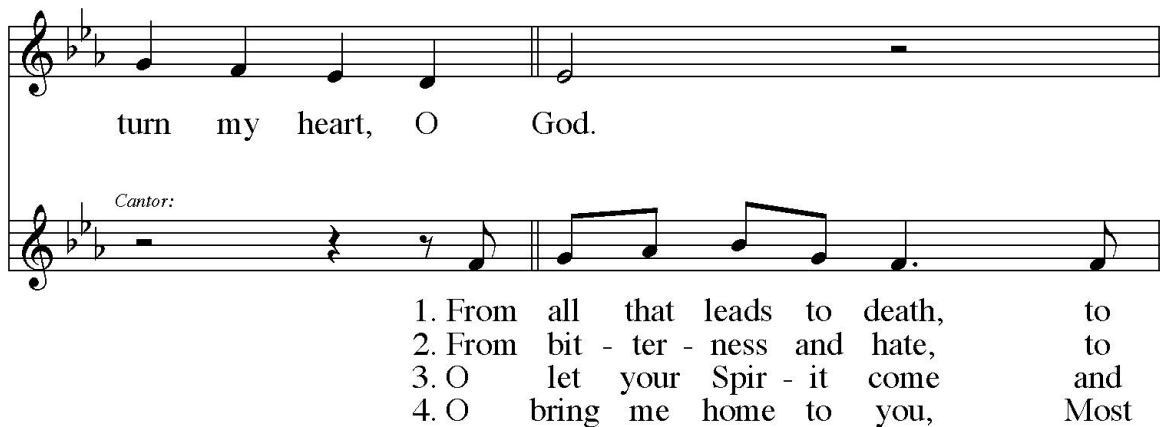
Turn my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O

God. Take my pain and broken-ness; shape my life for

To verses *To repeat refrain and last time*

you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

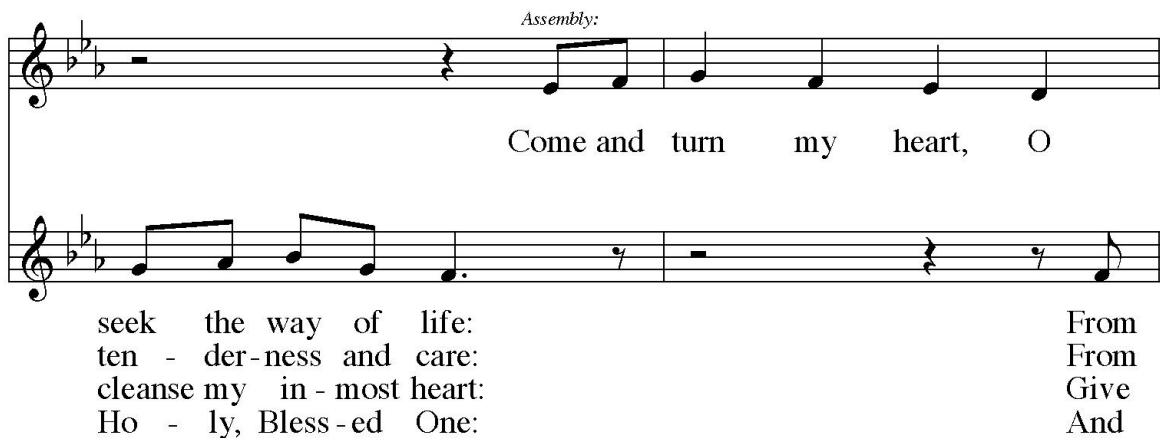
Verses



turn my heart, O God.

Cantor:

1. From all that leads to death, to
2. From bitter-ness and hate, to
3. O let your Spirit come and
4. O bring me home to you, Most



Assembly:

Come and turn my heart, O

seek the way of life: From
 ten-der-ness and care: From
 cleanse my in-most heart: Give
 Ho-ly, Bless-ed One: And

Assembly:

God. Come and

all that leads to sin, to ho - li - ness and grace:
self - ish - ness and greed, to gen - 'rous car - ing love:
back to me the joy of walk - ing in your way:
let my spir - it rest with - in your lov - ing heart:

turn my heart, O God.

From all de - spair and grief, to
From all de - ceit and lies, to
O fill me with your grace that
For you a - lone can raise my

Assembly:

D.C.

Come and turn my heart, O God.

hope of life re - newed:
faith - ful - ness and truth:
I might sing your praise:
wea - ry soul to life:

D.C.

THE GREAT SILENCE

Once all have received communion and the Holy Table has been cleared, the community observes a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

Presider Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while." Therefore, let us now rest in Christ's presence in the silence.

A prolonged silence is kept. At a signal from the Presider, the silence is broken.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

After the Great Silence the Presider invites the congregation to stand and pray saying:

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Presider prays over the people as a reminder of God's extravagant love and invites us to go into the world to be God's blessing.

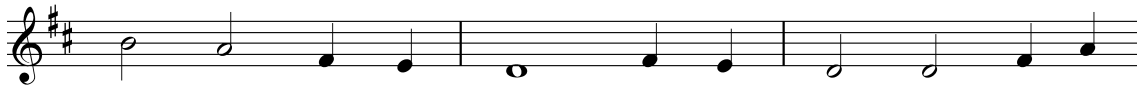
Deacon Bow down your hearts before the Lord our God.

The Presider offers the prayer over the people.

At 8am, sing verse 1. At 10:30am, sing all printed verses.



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



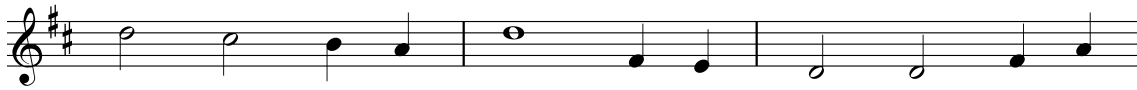
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 14, TUESDAY, APRIL 15, AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Evening Prayer at 5:30pm

This Evening Prayer is designed to reflect on the day, express gratitude, and prepare for rest. It is a time of quiet reflection, featuring instrumental flute and piano. Reception with food and drink to follow each evening.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Community Meal at 6pm. Share a meal with friends as Jesus did. Meal provided by Dave and Denise Denner.

Worship at 7pm in person and on YouTube.

Service commemorating the new "mandatum" or commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Worship at noon in person or on YouTube; worship at 7pm in person

Commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus with veneration of the cross

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Worship at 7:45pm in person

Easter Vigil is a liturgy that begins in darkness and is considered the first celebration of Easter. In it, the congregation lights the Paschal (Easter) candle, hears the salvation story, renews baptismal vows and celebrates the first Eucharist of Easter. Easter Vigil is the heart of our Christian life.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

10:30am Worship in person and on YouTube

11:30am Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch