

March 19, 2023 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. Psalm 23:6

Call to Worship:

(L) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul.

(A) I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God.

(L) He is the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them.

(A) The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord raises those who are bowed down; The Lord loves the righteous.

(Standing)

Gathering Hymn: "Take My Life That It May Be"

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**Take my life that it may be all your purpose, Lord, for me. Take my moments and my days;
Let them sing your ceaseless praise, let them sing your ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of your love. Take my feet and lead their way;
never let them go astray, never let them go astray.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and keep them true,
filled with messages from you, filled with messages from you.**

**Take my life, O Lord, renew, consecrate my heart to you. Take my self, and I will be
yours for all eternity, yours for all eternity.**

Liturgy: Lent 1

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Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have shown your great love toward us by sending your Son into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We give you thanks because you have made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, having rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son,

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

BRESLAU

**Bless, O my soul, the God of grace; his fav-ors claim your high-est praise;
why should the won-ders he has wrought be lost in si-lence and for-got?**

**For he, my soul, has sent his Son to die for wrongs which you have done;
he paid the ran-som, and for-gives the hour-ly fol-lies of our lives.**

Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world, though you were in the form of God, you did not consider equality with God something to cling to, but emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. You humbled yourself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Your love compels us to live not for ourselves, but for you.

We give you thanks because you, our merciful and faithful High Priest, have made reconciliation for the sins of the people. You were despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. You were wounded for our transgressions; you were bruised for our iniquities;

Upon you fell the punishment that made us whole; and by your wounds we are healed.

PRAGUE

**Maker of all things, Lord our God, now veiled in feeble flesh and blood,
to reconcile and set us free from endless woe and misery;
what heights, what depths, of love divine in your blessed incarnation shine!
Let heav'n and earth unite their praise, to magnify your boundless grace.**

Lord God, Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son: we give you thanks because you descended upon the Christ, anointing him to bring good news to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free those who are oppressed; and to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor.

You fill our hearts with love of God and make our bodies your holy temple.

(Sitting)

LATROBE

**Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, One in Three, and Three in One, as by the ce-les-tial host, let your will on earth be done;
praise by all to you be giv'n, glo-rious Lord of earth and heav'n.**

**Now with an-gels round the throne, cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim, and the church which still is one, let us swell the sol-
emn hymn: glo-ry to the great I Am! Glo-ry to the Pas-chal Lamb!**

From the sin unbelief, from all defilement of the body and spirit, from all self-righteousness, from every neglect of our duty, from ingratitude and selfishness, from lukewarmness, from all indifference to your meritorious life and death,

Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.

PASSION CHORALE

**What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest Friend,
for all your dying sorrow, your mercy without end?
Grant me to lean unshaken up-on your faithfulness till
I from earth am taken to see you face to face.**

By your holy incarnation and birth, by your early exile, by your pure and blameless childhood, by your willing obedience, by your humility, meekness, and patience, by your faithfulness in your earthly calling, by your fasting and temptation, by your perfect life before God and humanity,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,

Lead us to repentance for our sins.

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death,

Make known to us the mystery of your love.

Into your open arms stretched out upon the cross,

Receive us all.

(Standing)

RATHBUN

**In the cross of Christ__ I glo-ry, tow'r-ing over the wrecks of time;
all the light of sa_-cred story gath-ers round its head sub-lime.
Bane and bless-ing pain__ and pleas-ure, by the cross are sanc-ti-fied;
peace is there that knows_ no meas-ure, joys that through all time a-bide.**

By all your sacred wounds and precious blood, by your innocent suffering and dying, by your rest in the grave, by your glorious resurrection and ascension,

Bless us and save us, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father, and the Father in you.

Hear us and help us, gracious Savior.

You have made God known to us as Father, so that the love with which he has loved you may be in us,

And you in us.

Christ, and him crucified,

Remain our confession of faith.

COVENANT

Lamb of God, you shall re-main for-ev-er of our songs the on-ly theme;
for your bound-less love, your grace and fa-vor, we will praise your sav-ing name;
that for our trans-gres-sions you were wound-ed shall by us in no-bler strains be sound-ed,
when we, per-fect-ed in love, once shall join the church a-bove.

(Sitting)

Hymn: "Christ Beside Me"

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Christ_ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me— King of my heart___; Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me— never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me— shield in the strife; Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising— light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be on all tongues telling of me; Christ be the vision in eyes that
see me, in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me— King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me. Christ
above me— never to part.

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory Hymn: "Take, My Life, O Lord, Renew"

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Take my life, O Lord, renew, consecrate my heart to you; take my moments and my days; let me sing your
ceaseless praise.

Take my wealth, all I possess, make me rich in faithfulness. Take my mind that I may use ev'ry pow'r as you
should choose.

Take my motives and my will, all your purpose to fulfill. Take my heart—it is your own; it shall be your royal
throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be yours for all eternity.

(Standing)

Prayer of Blessing (unison) Everything we possess, O God, have been provided lovingly by you. You have named us
and hold us dear to you as your precious children. Through your salvation, you created in us the compassion and love
to give back a portion of your abundant blessings to share among others in the world. All we have is yours; help us to
use it to do your will. Amen.

Lord's Prayer: 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.

Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Words for us Today:

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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2nd Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 (*responsive*)

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8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light
consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with

the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible. 14 for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Ascription of Praise: (All Sing) Glory Be to You O Lord

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The Gospel: John 9:1-16

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Ascription of Praise:(All Sing) Praise, praise, praise, praise be to you. To you O Christ!

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The Sermon: "What is in the Heart?"

Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

(Standing)

Hymn of Response: "Jesus Master, Whose I Am"

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Jesus, Master, whose I am, purchased yours alone to be, by your blood, O Spotless Lamb, shed so willingly for me, let my heart be all your own, let me live to you alone.

Having turned from other ways, now your name alone to bear, your dear voice a-lone obey is my daily, hourly prayer. Looking up to heav'n I see no one else my joy can be.

Jesus, Master, I am yours; keep me faithful, keep me near; as your radiance through me pours all my homeward way to cheer. Jesus, at your feet I fall. O be now my all in all!

Benediction

Musical Response:(ALL) In the name of Jesus

Parting Hymn: "In Your Mercy, Lord"

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In your mercy, Lord, you called me, taught my sin-filled heart and mind, else this world had still enthralled me, and to glory kept me blind.

Lord, I did not freely choose you till by grace you set me free; for my heart would still refuse you had your love not chosen me.

Now my heart sets none above you, for your grace alone I thirst, knowing well that if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Postlude

Prayers : Adam, Katie, Barbara B, Desmond B., Bilbao Family, Joseph B, George Bryant and Family, Clark Family, C.J, John C, Scott and Marsha C, Meredith C, Cascio Family, Rocky C, Pete C, Christopher, Julianna D, John D, Joseph D, Sal D. Jessica D, Frank D, Harry E, Barbara F, Jennifer F, Jonathan F, Lisa F, Anna Galicia, Matilde G, Thomas G, Janice H, Jason, Jen, Joe, Bill & Sue G, Henry, Jackie, Robert K, Erica K, Kathy, Kelly, Linda, Lydia, Giuliana L, Elaine M, Juliana M, Mary M, Madeline M, Susan M, Victoria M, Silvia N, Stephen N, Nicole, Peter, Mary P, Barbara P, Betty P, Gemma P, Powell Family, Thomas P, Tom P, John P, Mike R, Rob, Rosanna, Rhonda R, Norma S, The Thomas Family, Joy, Tommy, Ware Family, and all caretakers (Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list)

The next Fellowship Hour will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023. If you would like to host it or help with it please sign up on the list that is on the bulletin board in the hallway or downstairs.

Upcoming Pysanky Egg Workshops at Great Kills Moravian Church

Saturday, March 25th at 10:00 am

Friday, March 31st at 6:30 pm

Monday, April 10th at 9:30 am

To register contact Janice Hermansen at 718-984-6444, Nancy Walker 718-967-4047 or the church office 718-317-7788. **Cost of each class is \$25** For additional information on upcoming events and workshops, please visit: www.greatkillsmoravian.org

Outreach Mission Project

-From the Central Board of Elders meeting, we found out that there is a need for slippers for the Asylum Seekers on Staten Island. The Elders felt that this is an important outreach mission. You can donate money, or you can purchase the slippers yourself. You can leave them in the basket if you purchase them located in the hallway. They are looking for men size 10-11, women 7-8, and for children varies sizes. In the Narthex will be an envelope marked Slipper Donation. Thank you for considering donating to this need.



Save the Date for VBS!

We're back! VBS will be held on July 17 - July 21, 2023 at Great Kills Moravian Church! Registration forms are in the Narthex and available on our website: www.greatkillsmoravian.org