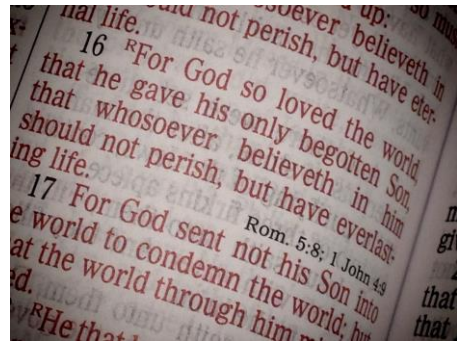


MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
March 14, 2021 Lent 4
10am



Prelude Jesus, Thou My Life Art Forever J.S. Bach

Welcome and Introductions

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this
fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us
into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Holy Words, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Before the reading: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

After the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

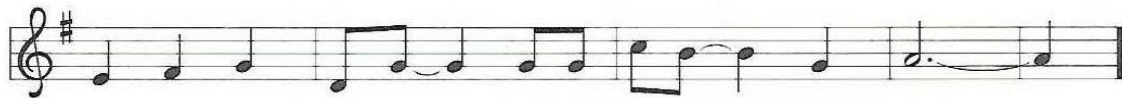
Homily



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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 hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Hear us O, God. **Your mercy is great.**

The 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.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Postlude

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Michael Burkhardt

If you wish to join MLC for the coffee hour at 11am, please contact our Parish Administrator, Nancy, at

206-284-0155 or

parishadmin@magnoliautheranchurch.com

She will be happy to send you a link!



PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY?

What are we going to do about palms for Palm Sunday? If you live in Seattle, we're going to deliver (no contact) them to your door! You do not need to be home. If you are not in Seattle, they will be mailed to you!



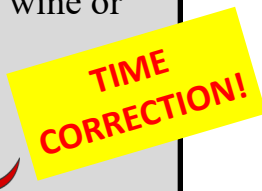
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Worship
Sunday, March 28th at 10am
Facebook Live and YouTube Live
Looking for people to participate in a dramatic reading. Please contact Pastor Kevin if you can help.



Maundy Thursday Worship
Thursday, April 1st at 7pm
ZOOM gathering with Holy Communion
Participants provide their own bread and wine or juice at their own table.

Good Friday Worship
Friday, April 2nd at 12noon and 7pm.
ZOOM gathering.



We have been putting together recordings with as many voices from MLC as possible to play as the Hymn of the Day during the live stream Worship services on Sundays. You've probably heard some of them if you tune in to Sunday's service.

We would like to add your voice!

Watch your inboxes for your next recording opportunity and give it a try!



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4th at 10am
Facebook Live and YouTube

Mary's Place

Mary's Place provides safe, inclusive shelter and services that support women, children and families on their journey out of homelessness.

MLC's Social Action Committee has chosen Mary's Place to help during these trying times; by providing donations of anything and everything that someone may need to care for their baby.

Please drop donations off to the breezeway on the East side of the church.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

ONLINE MEETINGS

Bible Study: Tuesday at 11am

Just a Closer Walk With Thee:
Tuesdays at 7pm during lent

Mediation & Prayer: Wed. at 11am

Confirmation Classes: Wed. at 4pm

Let's Chat: Thursday at 11am

Topical Discussion: Thursday at 7pm



ZOOM MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION



WOMAN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

The ladies will be taking a break from the Happy Hour until after Easter. At that time the meeting will switch to once a month. The ladies are still deciding what night of the week works best for everyone. Stay tuned!

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LOOK



SINGING WITH ANN—SCHEDULE

Feb 24th—March 31st—Holden Evening Prayer with Ann, everyone is invited to participate! Watch your in boxes for an email with a link to the music!

April 7th—Singing with Ann Resumes






Thursdays at 11am with Pastor Kevin

The floor is open to chat about anything and everything. You start the conversation! So tune in on Thursdays at 11am and Let's Chat!





TOPICAL DISCUSSION
Thursdays at 7pm

March 18th-Britt Olson, Priest at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ballard. Caring for the homeless in a pandemic.

March 25th-Jim Liestekow, How can it Be?

NEW TOPICS

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

This year our Lenten Theme is Just a Closer Walk With Thee. Have you ever sought out a closer relationship with our creator?

Join the conversation! Tuesdays at 7pm.



Email Notifications

if you're not receiving emails for these important announcements, please contact MLC's parish administrator to be added to the email list. 206-284-0155 or email:

parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com

If you were receiving the emails but aren't now, please check your spam and trash.

**Please Remember
In Prayer**

Daniel Meloy
Linda Kellenberger
Dave Larson
Brian Rowse, DVM (cousin of the Backmans)
Don Goertzen
Erika Simonson
Josephine Wright (mother of LuAnn Mitchell)
Family of Kevin Beneke (brother-in-law of Barb Heinen)
Family of Bob McIntosh
Pauline McIntosh
Vickie Edmondson
Family of Nina Steidl
Family of Helen Kack
Family of J.J. Rentel
Family of William Olden
Family of Barbara Munro
Samantha Scheiber
Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
Brian Reiersen and Julia Christianson (recovering from car accident)
Kay Thoreson
Georgia Backman
Gail Hendrickson
Liza & Bill Biscomb (parents of Victoria Watson)
Joi and Todd Arntson (stepdaughter and son in law to Carol Hurlburt)

*If you wish to add someone to the prayer
list, please contact the church office.*

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**Financial Update
Through February 2021**

*Income — \$ 31,086

Expenses—\$ 26,891

*Includes Prepaid Pledges

**Congregation
Council 2020-2021**

Council Officers:

President -- Serena Severance
Vice President -- Dave Heinen
Secretary-- Bob Bergeron
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary-- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at
council@magnolialutheranchurch.com

Council members and Committees

*The year listed is when the
member's term ends, in June.*

Audit

Dave Heinen (2021)

Columbarium

Robert Bergeron (2022)

Faith Formation

Deborah Ramsey (2021)

Fellowship

Deborah Ramsey (2021)

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Finance

Serena Severance (2020)

Nominating

Dave Heinen (2021)

Outreach

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

Personnel

Kay Thoreson (2021)

Property

Mike Olden (2022)

Social Action

Bob Zierman (2023)

Stewardship

Robert Bergeron (2022)

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

Women of the ELCA

Serena Severance (2023)

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Worship and Music

Kay Thoreson (2021)

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- Computer or smartphone online giving:
 - ⇒ Credit, Debit, Checking account
 - ⇒ One-time or recurring gifts

Set up online giving on our website
www.magnolialutheranchurch.com/give-1

Additional Ways to Give

We are pleased to let you know that we have two additional ways to give! First, you will notice that there is a QR code printed on this page. A QR code is a quick-response bar code that can be scanned by your cell phone's QR reader or camera, and re-direct you to a website. Just open your camera and point it at the code, then open the link it gives you on your screen. Our QR code will take you directly to the MLC giving platform. Secondly, MLC now has a PayPal account!

The "PayPal" link is on our giving homepage, and will allow you to give directly to the church and other organizations that MLC sponsors, and is another option for setting up recurring payments. If you have any questions about these two giving options, please let us know!

You can send an email to Nancy at
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OUR CORE VALUES

- All are welcome here.
- Everybody does something.
- There is no minimum or maximum age for ministry.
- This is a safe place for all God's children.
- We are good stewards of God's creation.

Pastor — Kevin Bates

Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson

Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle

Caretaker — Mara Meloy

Nursery Attendant — Diana Frederich

Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Live Stream Production — Evan Kelly, Mark Kelly, Aaron Stevens and Michael Lord