



PLUM Worship
Second Sunday in Lent
Lament over Jerusalem
February 28, 2021
10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

PRELUDE **CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD**

<https://youtu.be/imvBcCRIRHw>

WELCOME and PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

I was glad when they said,
Let us go to the Lord's house!
May peace be within these walls
And may this place be a refuge.
For the sake of our Lord,
Let us seek good for one another.

HYMN **FOR THE FRUITS OF ALL CREATION**

<https://youtu.be/IBXHDbesb7k>

*For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,*

*in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of mercy,

Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful God, You long for your people to bear the fruits of mercy and repentance. Tend and guide our growth into a faithful nation who serves you and the people you love, for the sake of Jesus. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

PSALM

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

²Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

⁴To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

⁸For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

A reading from Luke.

Readers: Narrator, Jesus, Pharisees

Narrator: At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them,

Jesus: Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.

Narrator: Then he told this parable:

Jesus: A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

Narrator: At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him,

Pharisees: Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR SUE DEVINE

HYMN LORD, BE GLORIFIED

<https://youtu.be/e5bpU3hzMXs>

*In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In our hearts, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our hearts, Lord, be glorified today.*

*In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You give us endless chances to show your love in our lives, although we do not always take them. Open our hearts to see the world with the same compassion that you do, and treat others with the grace you have given us. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in the Holy Land and for reconciliation between its peoples. Soften hearts that have hardened and forgive those who have succumbed to hatred. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Even amidst the curses of pollution, endangerment and exploitation, this earth and its creatures continue to endure and thrive. Make us willing and dedicated partners committed to the renewal of our environment. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Disease and disaster are not punishments for sin, but rather reflections of a broken and imperfect world. Strengthen all who suffer adversity of any kind and who need a special measure of your healing and send your blessing to those whom we name today... God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember Linus Pauling and all scientists who use their gifts for the benefit of people and the advancement of peace upon the planet. Inspire us through his witness to discern where our own gifts are most needed. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant confidence and zeal to members of our PLUM congregations that we may faithfully carry out your work which you have entrusted to us. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Matthew 5:23-24

²³*So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.*

PEACE

The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

At this time, we offer ourselves to God—our physical resources and our whole life—recognizing that all we are and all we have are God's given to us and for which we are stewards. If you have a monetary offering for your congregation, please send it or deliver it to the church.

Let us pray. You demand faithfulness and not perfection, O God. May these offerings be true reflections of our gratitude for your gifts, and may they be blessed to benefit those who need them, by the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as the Lord taught us.

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.

Take and eat the body of Christ given for you.
Take and drink the blood of Christ shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

HYMN LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

<https://youtu.be/aGzMd1i92Io>

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.*

*Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

<https://youtu.be/WDjQEoItGzQ>

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GOD SIGHTINGS

COFFEE HOUR

PLUM Lenten Bible Study: We will focus will be on the book, **“Blessed Is She: Living Lent with Mary”** by Tim Perry. Join us Tuesdays at 1 PM or Thursdays at 7 PM via zoom. You are welcome to secure a copy of the book; however, it is not necessary to have the book in order to participate in this study.

During Lent, join us for **Holden Evening Vespers** on Wednesdays at 7 PM via zoom.

Taize service will be this Friday, March 5 at 7 PM via zoom.

The call in line for PLUM Worship Services and Bible Studies:

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