

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

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WORSHIP AT HOME

All are Welcome at Pilgrim Lutheran Church!

*We've been expecting you, because we are always expecting pilgrims —
the people of God on the journey of faith and life!*

Welcome to Worship at Home!

In this extraordinary time in our world, as we follow public health guidelines, for the care of the neighbor and ourselves, we are keeping our physical distance. But we are still connected in the body of Christ. As a Pilgrim community, we will not be gathering in the flesh for worship for an unknown period of time, but we are seeking ways to provide support for worshipping at home, for caring for one another, and for nurturing our journeys of faith.

This online bulletin is a guide to what we are offering to support you in worshipping at home on this Sunday. We invite you to participate in this experience of the good news of the gospel in whatever ways make most sense for you. It might mean pushing the pause button at any point, or journeying through this experience repeatedly in the coming days. We offer this as one way to support you in feeling connected to God and to the Pilgrim body of Christ and to the body of Christ around the world.

This online bulletin is not filled with our usual announcements in the back of the bulletin. We commend you to Pilgrim community emails (always posted on the Pilgrim website homepage), as well as the Pilgrim monthly newsletter (posted on the Pilgrim website), where we will continue to share updates.

In these challenging days in our world, we are grateful for the gift of worship, that invites us to bring the fullness of our personal and community sorrows and joys to the God who holds us all, in all, through all.

PILGRIM is...

*...A Home for Hungry
Minds and Souls*

*...An inclusive Christian
worshipping community
that seeks, nurtures, and
empowers hungry minds
and souls to live gener-
ously in response to God's
love.*

*...A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation*

*...A Caring for Creation
Congregation*

...An ELCA Congregation

*Before the service,
speak to God;*

*During the service,
let God speak to you;*

*After the service,
speak to one another.*

L: = Leader
Regular Print

C: = Congregation
Bold Print

CONFESSION AND
FORGIVENESS
*adapted from Beth
Merrill Neel*

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Suite in G Minor: Andante

Henry Purcell

SILENCE *The singing bowl invites us into a few moments of silence and reflection.*

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: God loved us so much that God wanted to be as close to us as a child in their mother's womb, as close as a child held to their mother's chest. And so God became a child in Jesus and gained a mother—Mary. Mary, Mother of Jesus, loved God as she loved her child, with her whole heart, with her whole being. We bring ourselves to you, God—in search of that whole, holy love—for ourselves, for others, and for the whole world. Holy God, we let ourselves be vulnerable with you, like a child, sharing honestly about ourselves and our lives, confessing to you, Holy God, Lord of love:

**C: For not singing when we are joyful;
For not shouting to the world the good that you do;
For not trusting the love that surrounds us;
For not enacting the justice you call us to;
For not believing the Good News is meant for all:
Forgive us. Encourage us and change us, help us and inspire us,
That we, like Mary, will magnify you and rejoice in God our Savior.
Amen.**

L: God draws you close and with tenderly tells you: My dear one, I forgive you. You are forgiven. Nothing you can do will ever stop me from loving you. I will always be your loving God. I will rejoice in you and suffer with you. I will always be here for you, no matter what. I will love you into kindness and justice in + my son, Jesus' ways and name. Amen.



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



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WORD

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

POINT FOR PILGRIMS

Kahnert family

READING

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the designated time had come, God sent forth the Christ — born of a woman, born under the Law — to deliver from the Law those who were subjected to it, ⁵so that we might receive our status as adopted heirs. ⁶The proof that you are children of God is the fact that God has sent forth into our hearts the Spirit of the Child who calls out "Abba!" ⁷You are no longer slaves, but daughters and sons! And if you are daughters and sons, you are also heirs, by God's design.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Magnificat

ELW № 236

Sung twice in unison, twice in a 3 part canon

Canon

Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num.

Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

Text: Luke 1:46; Taizé Community
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶Mary said:

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in you, my savior.
⁴⁸For you have looked with favor
upon your lowly servant,
and from this day forward
all generations will call me blessed.

⁴⁹For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your Name.

⁵⁰Your mercy reaches from age to age
for those who fear you.

⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm;
 you have scattered the proud in their conceit;
⁵²you have deposed the mighty from their thrones
 and raised the lowly to high places.
⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things,
 while you have sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴You have come to the aid of Israel your servant,
 mindful of your mercy --
⁵⁵the promise you made to our ancestors --
 to Sarah and Abraham
 and their descendants forever."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Jen Rome

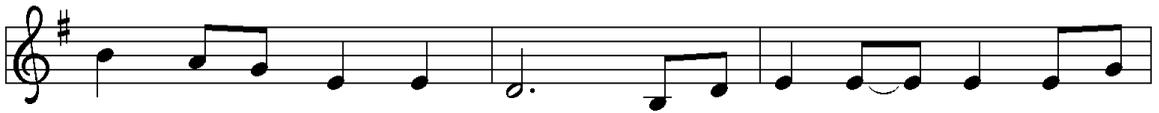
SERMON HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

ELW № 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

PRAYER

We give thanks for the Word proclaimed and for all the gifts of God, and we pray for all of God's creation

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with us now and always.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING INVITATION

*During this time, we invite you to share of your God-given blessings.
Consider going to “donate” on the Pilgrim website or mail a check to us at
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105.
<https://tinyurl.com/pilgrimstpaul>*

MUSICAL OFFERING

*The text may be read
on pg. 10.*

MUSICAL OFFERING Lord, Listen to Your Children arr. Jack Schrader
Choral Scholars and choir members

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — after each petition:

L: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Our Creator, Our Mother,

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

*This version of the
Lord's Prayer, with
the words "save us in
the time of trial," is
from the Iona Com-
munity in Scotland.*

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Vs. 1 All, Vs. 2 low voices, Vs. 3 high voices, Vs. 4 All



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924

Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace...

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in c, BWV 847.1

J.S. Bach

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<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/lhe>

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Preaching Minister — Pastor Jen Rome

Presiding Minister— Pastor Jen Rome

Music Director, Organist, Harpsichordist, and Pianist — Paul Stever

Musicians — Choral Scholars and choir members

Prayers — Peter Spuit

Point for Pilgrims — Kahnert family

Reader — Kate Heinecke

MUSICAL OFFERING text and tune by Ken Medema

Refrain

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,

When the people of the Lord get down to pray;

A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a bumbling down,

When the people of the Lord get down to pray.

Refrain



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