WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STÓL:LŌ NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

# **Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Confession & Forgiveness**

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.
- C: Amen
- P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Holy God,
- C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbours are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know,

forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

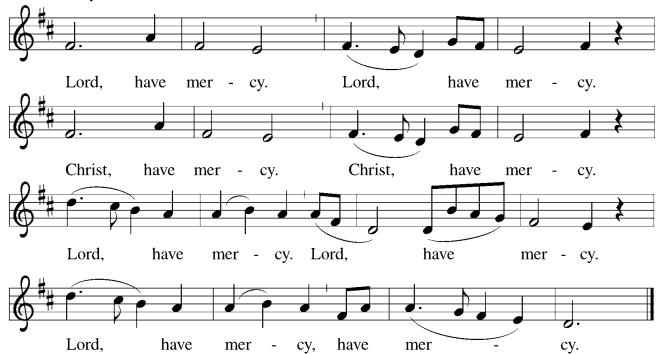
- P: Out of love for the whole world,
  God draws near to us
  in mercy and steadfast love.
  In the name of + Jesus Christ,
  your sins are forgiven.
  You are free to take up your cross
  and follow him.
- C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW # 338 - Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#### Greeting

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the help of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

#### Kyrie ELW # 152 - Kyrie



#### **Prayer of the Day**

#### Word

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

#### Children's Time

#### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12** (Chanted responsively)

- L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- C: Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.
- L: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ev- er before me.
- C: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.
- L: Indeed, I was born I steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my I mother's womb.
- C: Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me, and would have me know wisdom | deep within.
- L: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- C: Let me hear | joy and gladness; that the body you have broken | may rejoice.
- L: Hide your face | from my sins, and blot out | all my wickedness.
- C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spir- it within me.
- L: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spir- it from me.
- C: Restore to me the joy of | your salvation and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 5-10**

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

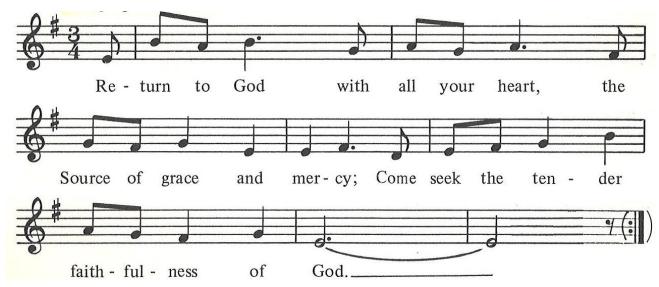
"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Verse - Return To God



L: The holy Gospel according to John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 330 Seed That in Earth Is Dying

#### **Apostle's Creed**

#### **Prayers of the People**

When cued by the Pastor, the congregation sings the following refrain (ELW #752):



#### **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

**Special Music – Choir – Mary's Wandering** 

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

#### **Offering Prayer**

#### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

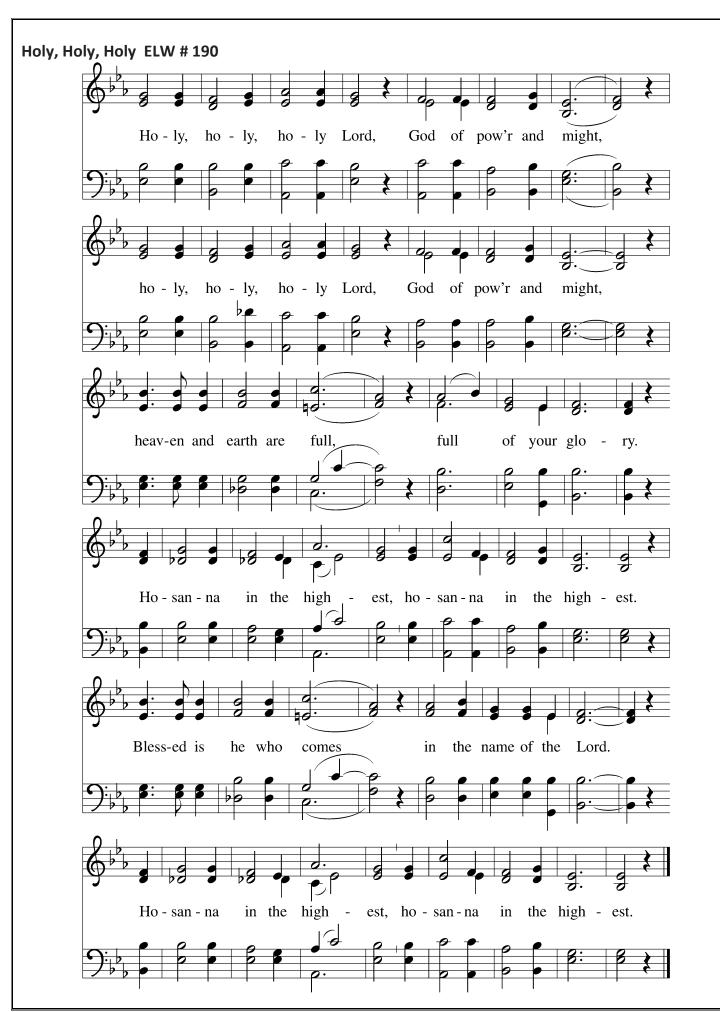
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

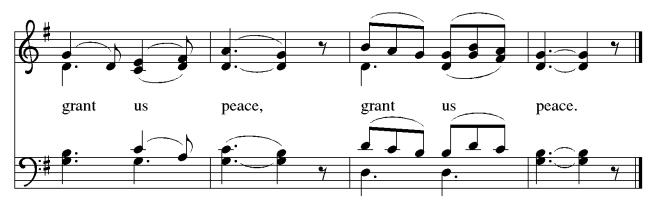
Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### Jesus, Lamb of God





#### **Communion is distributed**

<u>Directions for Communion</u>: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the repository tray at the head of each window aisle. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew once all have come forward, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you. Wine is located in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the centre.

#### **Hymns Sung during Communion**

ELW # 379 - Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW # 334 - Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (Verse 1, Verse 3, Lent 5)

ELW # 467 - We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

ELW # 616 - Jesus, Remember Me (Chant)

**Blessing and Prayer After Communion** 

# **Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

#### **Blessing**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ⊕ give you peace.

C: Amen.

#### Sending Hymn ELW # 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS March 17, 2024

#### (To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select Open Hyperlink or Control-Click)

<u>Flowers</u> are placed on the altar remembering March of four years ago, when churches across Canada had to cease in-person worship because of the pandemic. Yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever, God is our refuge and our strength...

<u>TODAY - AED Practical Use Training/Demonstration</u>: Today Zoe Schuler will be providing us with a general overview orientation of our new AED Machine after church around **12:15 pm**. We are hoping that many of you will stay for the orientation, because should we ever need to use it in the future, having multiple people aware of how to use it *properly*, may just save a life. She will provide borrowed equipment for demonstration purposes, and it will take approximately an hour to complete the training.

Come for Breakfast Fellowship & Stay for Easter Sunday Worship: On March 31<sup>st</sup> we are planning an Easter Sunday Continental Potluck Breakfast from 9 am to 10 am, with the Easter Sunday service to follow at 10:30 am - and we're hoping you'll get involved too! This will be a potluck breakfast and bringing heated foods is not necessary. Store-bought, finger-food goodies are encouraged, but use your imagination and surprise us! Maybe bring a cultural food If possible, but you decide. A simple fun activity for children/youth has been planned so parents can relax and visit. All are welcome! Invite a friend, too. We are excited to see what a GSLC Continental Potluck Breakfast might look like. Thank you for your consideration and participation.

<u>Food Bank Drive – "Simply Soup"</u>: As you know, every Wednesday during the Lenten Season GSLC hosts our 'Soup 'n Sing' followed by a Holden Evening Prayer service. We would like to extend our hospitality by offering soup to nourish our brothers and sisters in our wider community. We are asking you to simply bring a can or two of nourishing soup when you come to Church during this Lenten Season. You may place your soup tins in the bin in the foyer marked <u>SIMPLY SOUP</u>. After Easter, the cans will be delivered to the appropriate agencies.

Go in peace, be warm and filled..." (JAMES 2: 16-17) ~ With Thanks from Your Outreach Team

<u>Movie Night next Sunday</u>: Our next Movie Night will be next week, **Sunday, March 24**. We will be watching "The Brand New Testament", a 2015 fantasy dark comedy film from Belgium. (God exists; he lives in Belgium—and he's kind of a jerk.) As always, we will meet at 4 pm to watch the movie, followed by a potluck dinner and discussion. All are welcome!

<u>Harp Concert This Thursday – March 21</u>: For those of you who were fortunate enough to attend **Bess Lu's Harp concert** here at church last year, we are happy to let you know she has an upcoming concert scheduled on **Thursday, March 21**<sup>st</sup> at Christ Church Cathedral (690 Burrard Street [at Georgia]) at **7:30 pm** entitled "Music of the Labyrinth". The Labyrinth itself is available to walk between 10 and 4 pm daily from March 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Click <u>here</u> for more information. See Event Poster on page 13.

<u>Do You Love Earth Day?</u>: Church council is seeking a couple of folks to join them in planning an event to share with our neighbours in celebration of Earth Day/Week at the end of April. If you would like to help plan this event, please speak to Gail Tremain, Marjun Blishen, Jane Whitter or Rick Enarson. This event was inspired by a Crazy Idea suggestion.

<u>Walk in Prayerful Solidarity with the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage:</u> The <u>Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage</u> is a global movement to walk in prayerful solidarity with the people of Gaza. It takes place during Lent as a Via Dolorosa of Solidarity. For more information, please <u>click here.</u>

<u>Christian Leaders of Canada Call for Prayer for Ukraine</u>: As the second anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine approaches on February 24, Christian leaders of Orthodox, Catholic, Evangelical, and other faith traditions in Canada - together with the World Evangelical Alliance's <u>Peace & Reconciliation Network</u>, <u>The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada</u>, and <u>The Canadian Council of Churches</u> - invite all Christian people of good will to join in united prayer and actions for peace. Read the full statement and prayers in English, French and Ukrainian when you click here.

**2024** National Worship Conference: The 2024 National Worship Conference titled 'The Stones Cry Out: Praying with the Land' will be held on July 18-21, 2024 in beautiful Regina, Saskatchewan. Click here for more information and to register.

#### **LENTEN RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

- <u>Seven Weeks for Water Reflections</u>: The <u>World Council of Churches</u> (WCC) has published its annual <u>Seven Weeks for Water</u> Lenten series. For more information and to download this and other reflections, please <u>click here.</u>
- <u>Lenten Soup and Sing Sign-Up Sheets</u>: An updated Soup And Sing Sign-up Sheet is now available on the
  Ushers Note that this Wednesday on March 13<sup>th</sup> we are joining St. Laurence Anglican Church for their
  Lenten event. We will gather at 6 pm for dinner, followed by a Vespers service from 7 until 7:30 pm. St.
  Laurence will be joining us the following Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, for our usual Soup 'n' Sing using Holdon
  Evening Prayer.
- <u>Lenten Book Study</u> Gloria Dei is hosting an online Book Study of the book, *Chosen? Reading the Bible amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* by Walter Brueggemann and there is still room to join. The study is scheduled for 4 Thursdays, Feb. 22, 29, March 7 and March 14, with an optional 5th session on March 21. All sessions at 7:30 PM. More details are posted on Gloria Dei's website <a href="https://www.gloriadei.ca/blog/lenten-book-study">https://www.gloriadei.ca/blog/lenten-book-study</a> To register and receive the Zoom link Please contact Pastor Vida directly at pastorgd@shaw.ca.
- True Freedom: A Lent Resource to Support Christians in Responding to Modern Slavery: True Freedom, a six-week course for Lent, that draws on themes from the book of Galatians, and encourages individuals and churches to respond to modern slavery in their communities. For more information, please <u>click here</u>.

**Rotating Church Winter Shelter**: Trinity United Church in PoCo is hosting the Tri-Cities Winter Shelter in March and April. Items always in need and appreciated are:

Female hygiene products

Food/meal gift cards

toothbrushes/pastes

Face cloths & wash items

• Socks & new underwear

• bus tickets

Note that 3030 Gordon Is again not accepting donations of clothing.

<u>BC Synod CJAG invitation</u>: Are you passionate about addressing climate change and eager to make a difference within our church community? The Climate Justice Action Group (CJAG) invites you to join hands in our urgent pursuit of climate justice. You can find out more <u>here</u>.

<u>Crisis in the Holy Land</u>: The ELCIC has put together an ongoing list of updates, statements & resources regarding the current situation in the Holy Land, including information from our partners in the region. View it <u>here</u>.

<u>Emergency Appeal for Gaza</u>: The ELCIC and CLWR have joined together to respond to the ongoing crisis in Gaza. Read about their efforts, and how you can donate by clicking <u>here</u>.

<u>Special Emergency Appeal for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)</u>: The ELCIC invites all its members to support a special emergency appeal for the needs of the ELCJHL. Click <u>here</u> to donate. To date the appeal is halfway to its goal of \$263,000. Read the <u>full update on the ELCIC Appeal here</u>.

<u>CLWR is Hiring</u>: Should you know anyone living in Winnipeg, you may wish to let them know that CLWR is looking for a <u>part-time graphic designer</u>. The deadline to apply is <u>March 22<sup>nd</sup></u>, and they can learn more about the role here.

**Volunteer Opportunities within the ELCIC**: The ELCIC is looking for volunteers to serve on these taskforces:

- <u>ELCIC Ableism Task Force</u>
- ELCIC Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia Task Force
- ELCIC Racism and White Supremacy Task Force

To apply, click the links to fill out an online form. For more information, contact Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop, Diversity Equity, and Inclusion, <u>cramirez@elcic.ca</u>. If you submitted an application already, the office is kindly requesting that you resubmit as a result of an issue with the previous application form.

#### **COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:**

- <u>2024 Soraasli Lectture now available</u>: The recording of Rev Dr. Chad Rimmer's lecture from February hosted by the Synod of Alberta and the Territories is available <u>here</u>. Dr. Rimmer's theological approach to natural resources and their extraction is stimulating and thought-provoking.
- <u>Climate Virus Online Workshop March 19</u>: <u>Citizens for Public Justice</u> (CPJ) invites you to attend an energizing and insightful online workshop titled <u>The Climate Virus: Lessons from COVID-19 Towards Urgent</u> <u>Climate Action in Canada</u> on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time. For more information and to register, please <u>click here</u>.
- <u>Housing Advocacy Letter</u>: The <u>Supportive Housing Advocacy Group</u> (SHAG) organized by members of Trinity United Church, Kitchener and The Hub (Youth) Church invite you to email a letter to federal and provincial elected offices during the week of March 17 and March 23. To learn more, please <u>click here.</u>
- Advocacy: Build a Federal Budget for Housing: <u>Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH)</u> invites you to <u>send a message to decision-makers</u> in Ottawa and tell them that the 2024 Federal Budget must be the Housing and Homelessness Budget.
- Protecting Kids Online: Help Get Bill S210 Adopted: The Sexual Exploitation Working Group (SEWG) of The Canadian Council of Churches invites you to sign a petition to help pass Bill S210. For more information and to sign this petition, please click here.
- <u>It's Time to Give it up for the Earth!</u>: <u>Give it up for the Earth!</u> invites you to put your eco-spirituality into action by reducing emissions, building solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, and advocating for climate justice. The national campaign **runs until Earth Week in April.**

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN LEARNING:**

- <u>Seeking a Common Word: Webinar to Inform and Inspire</u>: Interested in initiating or continuing Christian-Muslim dialogue in your community? **On April 16, 2024, 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST,** join for a <u>webinar that will inspire you</u> to strive for a deeper understanding of your neighbours and that will inform you about the resources that are available to support local conversations and collaborations. To register, please <u>click here.</u>
- <u>Study Tour to Germany May 5-19, 2024</u>: The Rev. Dr. Gordon A. Jensen, and The Rev. Barbara Groote invite you to join them as together you will study Luther's main writings, visit some of the places where the Reformation began (it involves a lot of walking!), and enjoy the good food and drink of "Luther Land". Click here for details on the <u>Tour's Daily Itinerary</u>. Space is limited, so book early if you are interested.

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been designated as a fragrance-free zone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday ...... Bible Study at 9:30 am (in person & over Zoom)

Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship Service with Holy Communion

live-streamed at 10:30 am (View here)

AED Orientation by Zoe Schuler at 12:15 pm

Tuesday ...... Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10 am

Wednesday ...... Mid-Week bible Study at 10:30 am followed by bagged lunch together

Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm

Soup 'n' Sing with St. Laurence Anglican Church attending – Dinner starts

at 6 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 6:45 pm

Thursday ...... Church Council Meeting at 6 pm

Friday ...... Memorial Service for Gordon Hunt at 1 pm

Friday/Saturday ...... Make Way Youth Sleepover at St. Laurence & Youth Breakfast at GSLC

Next Sunday ...... Bible Study at 9:30 am (in person & over Zoom)

Passion/Palm Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday

School live-streamed at 10:30 am (View here)

Movie Night at the home of Peter Schuler viewing "The Brand New Testament" at 4 pm followed by a potluck dinner & discussion.

<u>Note</u>: Most events are in-person events except those noted "on Zoom" or "Online". The links to these online events are accessible through our <u>website</u>. Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, livestreamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over.

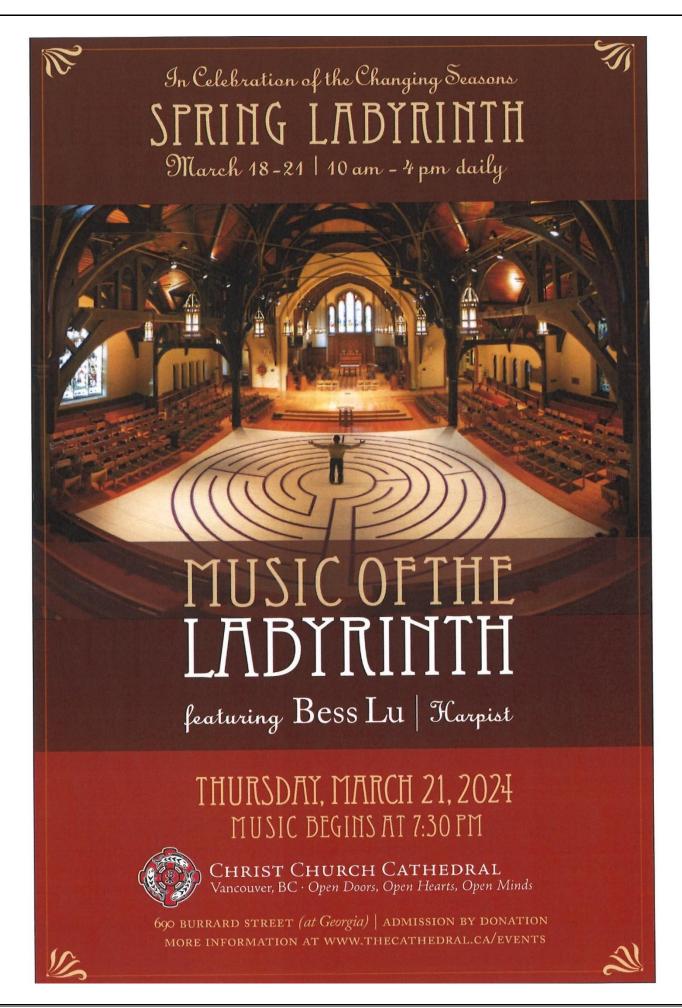
#### <u>Last Week at Church</u>

# Financial Information from March 10 Total Offerings: \$ 1,985.50 General: \$ 1,657.50 Designated Gifts: - Property Fund \$ 253.00 - Refugee Fund \$ 50.00

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# Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

We always recommend phoning before stopping by.



Good Shepherd Website

