

SUNDAY with GRACE

**Facebook Live-Stream Event
10 am hosted by Ann Tiemeyer**



*Grace Lutheran Church
Our 70th Year of Sharing God's Love*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday – March 22, 2020 at 10:00am**

WELCOME FROM PASTOR ANN

*I, Pastor Ann, will host a Facebook Livestream Event called “**Sunday with Grace**” at 10 am on my personal Facebook page, which can be accessed at ... NOTE this is a new LINK from LAST SUNDAY. NOTE...to see the live-stream you will need to be on the “discussion” tab on the event page.*

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2795123270523371/>

*I believe you can watch the event without being my friend – as it is a public event, but if you become my “friend” you can post comments throughout the livestream. Given this is my second-time livestreaming, I do not promise I will be able to read and respond to post in real time. So, go to Facebook and search “Ann Tiemeyer”. You will know you found me, because I and my spouse Tom are pictured in front of our favorite place – the NJ Shore. If you wish, “request to be my friend” and Sunday at 9am, I will make sure to accept all friend request before the livestream of “**Sunday with Grace**”.*

The event will have some elements of our Sunday worship, but will not be done “as a worship service” and not only be about 30 minutes. It is an opportunity for us to connect, hear and reflect on God’s Word through Scripture, sing a little and pray together. We are offering this way of connecting because Grace has suspended worship until the end of March as we evaluate the community health situation related to Coronavirus (Covid-19). I am doing this livestream on my personal Facebook page, because we are having difficulties with accessing the Grace Lutheran Scarsdale Facebook page. Thus, my personal page became the most accessible easy option for the people to connect. Ben is working on establishing a way for us to livestream using Google Hang Out through our domain name “@gracelutheranscardale.org”...but free livestreaming on that platforms is at least a week or two away for non-profits. We will keep you posted.

*If you are not receiving the weekly e-letter – **News for the People**, please send me an email and I will connect you. Please also, feel free to contact with me at pastor@gracelutheranscardale.org or call my cell phone at 917-923-9520, to share any comments, questions, concerns or prayer requests during this time of suspended worship.*

We are the *LIVING* Body of Christ and God's *GRACE* connects across time and space through the Holy Spirit. We will come through these times *TOGETHER* as Church.

What follows is a modified bulletin with worship elements we will use during the livestream of **Sunday with Grace**. You are invited to follow along, respond as you wish, sing with me if you wish and send your comments through the live stream...

You may make the sign of the cross ✠, the sign marked at baptism.

P = Pastor R = Reader C = Congregation – ALL the connected people.

WELCOME AND GREETING

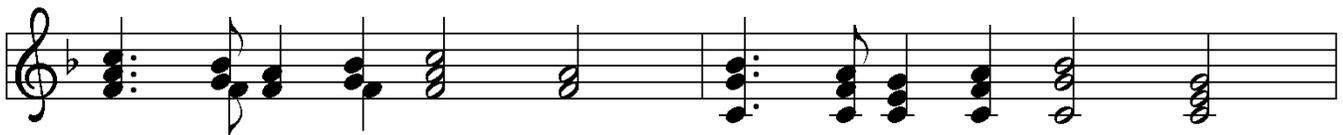
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
 who is present, who gives life,
 who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C: Amen.

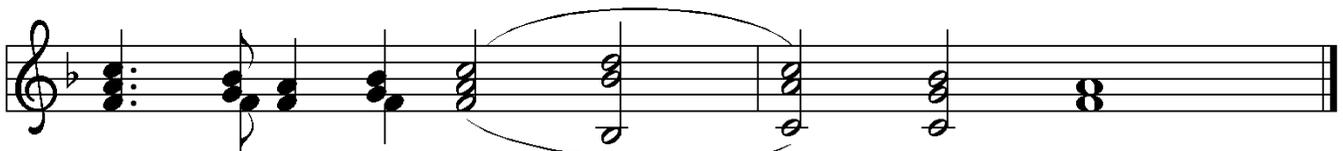
KYRIE

Kyrie – Lord Have Mercy

ELW 155



1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord,	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ,	have mer - cy.



	Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
	Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
	Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
	Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Bend your ear to our prayers, Christ, and come among us.
By your gracious life and death for us,
bring light into the darkness of our hearts,
and anoint us with your Spirit.

C: Amen.

GOSPEL HYMN

Wait for the Lord

ELW 262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a dotted quarter note G4. The bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody continues from the previous line, ending on a whole note G4. The bass staff continues with harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41

L: The Holy Gospel according to John the 9th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that

he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how

it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near

him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

REFLECTIONS ON TEXT

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HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

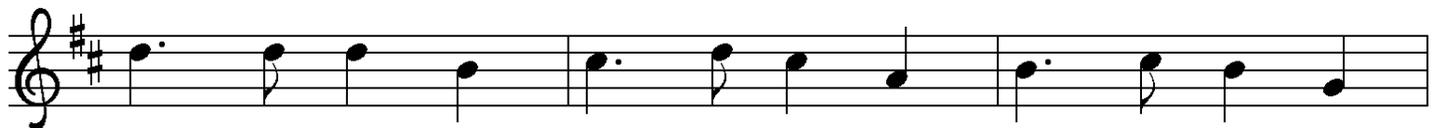
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

PRAYER HYMN

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

ELW 751

The prayer hymn will be song throughout the prayers where indicated.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system's vocal line contains the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me." The second system's vocal line contains the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

C: (sings) *O Lord, Hear My Prayer ...*

P: God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power. Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Bless the ministry of Seafarers and International House as they provide shelter, voice and support to those in need.

P: God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion.

P: God of insight, bring peace to all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness, righteousness, and truth on behalf of all. Frustrate the efforts of those who would seek to cause violence or terror.

P: God of insight, we pray for the Call Committee: Julia, Elaine, Cheryl, Ben, John and Peter. Guide their process with your spirit.

C: (sings) *O Lord, Hear My Prayer ...*

P: God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day especially for those we now name both in the silence of our hearts and out loud...

*Here names will be spoken and other intercessions may be offered.
Silence will be kept by Pastor Ann ...
You are welcome to add prayers request
through posting or
speaking out loud at home.*

P: God of insight, help this assembly lift up the unique gifts of each person who connects, no matter their physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in making our facilities, our ways of connecting and our ministries accessible to all. Continue to guide Grace in the process of adding a ramp. Be with all in the local government as they make appropriate decisions about how to continue the work of committees and boards...

P: God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for your saints who have gone before us... Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next.

C: (sings) *O Lord, Hear My Prayer ...*

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted,
grant courage and hope.

Where anxiety is infectious and widening,
grant peace and reassurance.

Where impossibilities close every door and window,
grant imagination and resistance.

Where distrust twists our thinking,
grant healing and illumination.

Where spirits are daunted and weakened,
grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

All these things we ask
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 76)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

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