



Turn My Heart  
O God

**from cowardly comfort to the cross**

**LENT 2**

**March 13, 2022**



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Gathering around Grace in worship – Growing in Grace in study – Going with Grace in love  
in Yorba Linda, California, the land of gracious living*

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### *Welcome*

- † If you would like to know more about Grace, visit our **website** at [gracelutheran.church](http://gracelutheran.church). A **membership** class, a class that covers the basic teachings of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian is beginning soon. Contact Pastor Sievert for more information. We would also love to share information with you about our Sunday worship services, our weekly Bible Classes, and our youth programs.
- † Restrooms are across the breezeway, in our Grace Hall... a cry room is available in the back left corner of our church.
- † Coffee and treats are available after church. We would love to visit with you and answer your questions.



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# LENT

LENT (LENGThening): is the Church's "springtime." Out of the darkness of sin's winter emerges a people – the Church – reborn in their Lord's resurrection. Following the model of Jesus' time in the wilderness, Christians observe a time of repentance and prayer for 40 days, focusing on Christ as our substitute at the cross. One way to think of repentance is a turning from our sins and struggles to the victory that is ours at the cross of Christ.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in  
Lent

**Today we Turn from Cowardly Comfort to the Cross**

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## ***Lenten Gathering: TURN MY HEART O GOD***

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

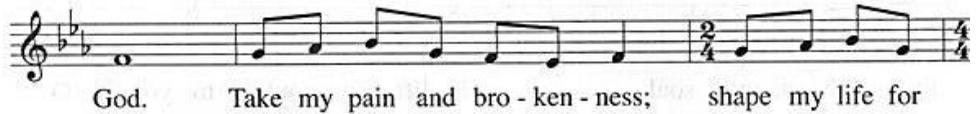
C: Amen.

**L. During these days of Lent, we are called to struggle against all that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Let us implore God to set us free, forgive our sins, and renew our hearts by His Spirit.**

*The choir sings the refrain once:*



*The congregation then repeats it with them:*



*after each phrase the congregation sings the*

**verse response:**

Have mercy, gracious God, forgive my selfish ways:  
O wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin:  
I know my failings well, they prey upon my mind:

**“Come, and turn my heart, O God”**

**All: Refrain**

**verse response:**

I turned my face from you to seek out evil paths:  
Your punishment is just, your sentence fair and right:  
You see me as I am, a sinner from my birth:

**“Come, and turn my heart, O God”**

**All: Refrain**

*This morning the verses of our Gathering Rite come from Psalm 51, a fitting Psalm of repentance for Lent.*

Great Lover of all truth, teach wisdom to my heart: **“Come, and turn my  
O purge me, make me clean, and wash me new once more: heart, O God”**  
Let songs of joy ring out from crushed and silent bones:

**All: Refrain**

Create in me, O God, a clean and righteous heart: **“Come, and turn my  
Do not abaind me, but keep me close to you: heart, O God”**  
Give back to me the joy of walking in your way:

**All: Refrain**

L: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and  
innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever.  
You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his  
will. **Amen.**

**All: Refrain.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard  
and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may  
happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the  
soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING:**

**Jeremiah 26:8-15**

*Jeremiah is no coward  
seeking only comfort.  
Instead, he finds  
courage in serving God  
and the Word.*

<sup>8</sup> But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had  
commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said,  
“You must die! <sup>9</sup> Why do you prophesy in the LORD’s name that this house will be like  
Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around  
Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal  
palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of  
the LORD’s house. <sup>11</sup> Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the  
people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this  
city. You have heard it with your own ears!”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. <sup>15</sup>Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Paul and we pursue  
and commit to one  
thing: the message  
of the cross!*

<sup>17</sup>Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup>For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**4** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

## GOSPEL LESSON

**A HEN IN THE  
FOX HOUSE**

**is determined  
and  
longing for you**



<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup> He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup> “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

L. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER and THE LORD'S BLESSING**

**L**      The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C**      **Amen.**