

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *The Parable of the Bridesmaids*

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**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY** Psalm 43:3-4

L: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

**C: let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.**

L: Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy;

**C: and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

Kyrie



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	<i>Lord, . . . . . have mer - cy.</i>	<i>Lord, . . . . . have mer - cy.</i>
2	<i>Christ, . . . . . have mer - cy.</i>	<i>Christ, . . . . . have mer - cy.</i>



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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of holy anticipation, **you have promised that you would return at a time unknown to us. Make us ready, so that when you return we might be welcomed into your kingdom with open arms. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to you, Oh Lord.**

**HYMN RESPONSE**

**RESTORE IN US, O GOD**

**ELW 328**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**(lbw 443)**

**Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray**



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; from your sleep a -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the world that frowns dark - ly to dis -  
 3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, lest with grace you  
 4 But while watch - ing, al - so pray to the Lord un -



wak - en; be not by the e - vil day un - a - wares o'er -  
 may you; watch when it your wish - es crowns, smil - ing to be -  
 tri - fle; let not self your thoughts con - trol nor God's mer - cy  
 ceas - ing. God a - lone can make you free, strength and faith in -



tak - en. Sa - tan's prey oft are they who se - cure are  
 tray you. Watch and see, you are free from false friends who  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin lurk with - in, all your hopes to  
 creas - ing, so that still mind and will heart - felt prais - es



sleep - ing and no watch are keep - ing.  
 charm you while they seek to harm you.  
 shat - ter; heed not when they flat - ter.  
 ten - der and true ser - vice ren - der.

Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt.  
 Music: STRAF MICH NICHT, *Hundert geistlichen Arien*, Dresden, 1694

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**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 THE CONGREGATION**

After each petition the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"  
Please respond with, "**hear our prayer.**"

## **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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.**

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

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **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.**

**DISTRIBUTION** *We will receive communion by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Embodied God, **at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS**

**ELW 338**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

L: God, the giver of love,

✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,

and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**



**Eileen Anderson, Irene  
Carpenter, Deloris Clemens, Paul  
Mikaelsen, Sara Jacobson Parker, Scott  
Sorenson, Max Tilderquist, Connie Gillis,  
Einar Norman, Agi Bischoff, and Nancy  
Trelstad.**

### **PARISH PULSE:**

**March 12 & 15**

Participating in Worship: 47  
+14 live-streams

Total Offerings: \$1,096.00

## **MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023**

### **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers**

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater,  
1823-1907

Music: Swedish folk tune

### **Kyrie**

Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927

### **Restore in Us, O God**

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### **Rise My Soul to Watch and Pray**

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Winkworth, 1829-1878, adapt.

Music: Hundert geistlichen Arien, Dresden, 1694

### **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

### **Worship Assistants Today:**

**Usher:** Volunteer Needed

**Reader:** Mo Hauck

**Hospitality:** Faye Drewianka

**Comm. Asst:** Greg Drewianka

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (03/26)**

**Usher:** Duane Hanson

**Reader:** Marcia Featherstone

**Hospitality:** Mo Hauck

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## Easter Flower Garden Order Forms

If you are interested in contributing to the Easter Flower Garden this year, flower order forms are available at the back of the church. You can also call the office, or email Emily at

[office@vasalutheran.org](mailto:office@vasalutheran.org); 651-258-4327.

**Orders are due by Noon on March 23.**



**April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>  
Doors open  
9AM each day!**



The 2023 Vasa/Welch Area Rummage Sale is coming up soon and it's never too early to start sorting! Drop-off times are as follows:

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 10-3  
Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 10-2  
Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Noon-5

Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Noon-5  
Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Bake Sale Items ONLY from  
Noon-7.



The April Community Dinner is on April 12. Meal reservations are due on April 5<sup>th</sup> by Noon. We welcome all who are interested in volunteering to prepare the meal(s). Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space on Sundays (starting today), and in the Lutheran Center during the week.





**We, the Vasa Congregation,**

**Called by God, commit to:**

**Worshipping together,**

**Growing in Faith,**

**Serving Others, and**

**Welcoming and loving all!**