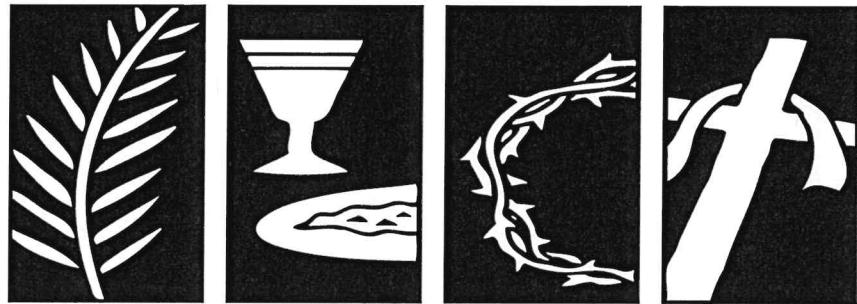


The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick



MIDWEEK *Lenten Service*

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025
7:00PM**

**West Portal Lutheran Church
200 Sloat Boulevard
San Francisco CA 94132
415-661-0242**

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

P Now is the time of God's favor;
C **now is the day of salvation.**

P Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
C **that the light of Your face may shine on us.**

P May Your justice shine like the sun;
C **and may the poor be lifted up.**

PHOS HILARON

P Joyous light of glory:
C **of the immortal Father;**
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised
with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life:
the universe proclaims Your glory.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

P Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led
Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by
night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His
Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are mer-
ciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures,
glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 141

C Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.

C Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

P Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

P But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord,
and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified
minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the
whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

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1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed over ills and death,
O'er darkness and the grave.
To You they came, the blind, the mute,
The palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery,
The sick with fevered frame.

2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
 Revealed You, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain,
 As by Gennes'ret's shore.

3 O be our great deliv'rer still,
 The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
 With Your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
 Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong
 May praise You evermore.

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READING

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and

stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

READING

Acts 3:1–10

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

READING**Matthew 8:1-17**

When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

SERMON "The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick"

Stand

CANTICLE

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

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- 1 My soul now magnifies the Lord;
 My spirit leaps for joy in Him.
 He keeps me in His kind regard,
 And I am blest for time to come.
- 2 For He alone who shows such might
 Has done amazing things to me.
 His mercy flows; His name like light
 Remains in time perpetually.
- 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great.
 He scatters those of proud intent
 And casts them down from high estate,
 Then gives the low His nourishment.
- 4 He feeds the hungry as His own;
 The wealthy leave with empty hands.
 He gives His help to Israel;
 His gracious promise always stands.

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Sit

TITHES AND OFFERING

Stand

LITANY

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For [synodical and district presidents], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For [president], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
C **Thanks be to God.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:
C **To You, O Lord.**

COLLECT OF PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C: 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

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
 Sinners, ruined by the fall;
 Here a pure and healing fountain
 Flows for you, for me, for all,
 In a full, perpetual tide,
 Opened when our Savior died.

- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,
 Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
 From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
 Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
 Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.

- 4 They that drink shall live forever;
 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
 Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

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Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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SERVING YOU TODAY

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<i>Pianist</i>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Darlene Hartman, Virginia Ferry</i>

WELCOME! A cordial welcome is extended to all who have come to worship with us today. May God's loving presence fill us with joy and hope as we prepare ourselves to follow Christ. If you are a guest or visitor with us, please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Binz or Pastor Swenson and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

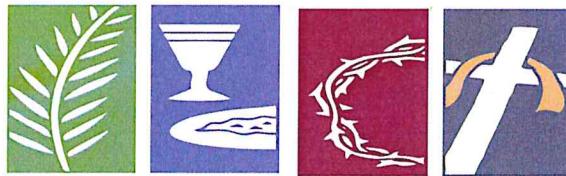
LENTEN SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOLDERS are available on the Narthex table. Please feel free to take one. This year's offerings will be used for the ministries of Christ's Kingdom here at West Portal.

HELP YOURSELF TO Lenten Devotional Booklets that are available in the Narthex.

Lenten Midweek Services continue on Wednesdays

This year's Lenten emphasis is to look at our lives in view of God's amazing grace toward us through the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross. Our six Midweek Lenten Services began on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 8:30AM and 7:00PM.

We invite you to join us at each of the following Wednesday services at 7PM as we continue with the Lenten theme: "The Hand of the Lord".



**Lenten Midweek 4, April 2
7PM**

"The Hand of the Lord Who
Raises the Dead"

**Lenten Midweek 5, April 9
7PM**

"The Hand of the Lord Who
Holds All Things"



Easter Flowers

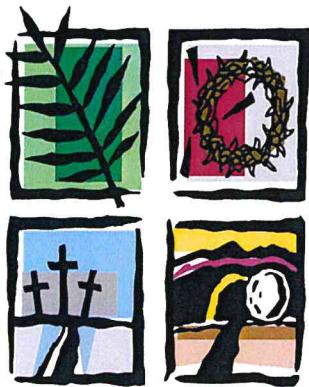
Portal Lutheran Church.

As we look forward to the celebration of Easter, the Altar Guild is again planning to have special floral arrangements around the Altar area. If you would like to help by donating to the flower fund, please complete this form and return it to the Church Office by **Sunday, April 13**. The suggested minimum donation is \$15.00. Please make the check payable to Altar Guild—West

Name of person(s) donating flowers

Name of person(s) honored or remembered.

If you have any Calla Lilies growing in your garden and would like to share some with us, please bring them Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. There will be containers in the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Services

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper

April 13

Maundy Thursday

7:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

April 17

Good Friday

8:30AM Sunset Campus Chapel

11:15AM Sloat Campus Chapel

7:00PM Tenebrae Service

April 18

Holy Saturday

7:00PM Easter Vigil

April 19

Easter Sunday

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper

Easter Brunch following Worship Service

Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn following the Brunch

April 20

**Everyone is welcome to attend all Services
and to join us at the Easter Brunch.**

If attending the Easter Brunch and/or Egg Hunt, please kindly
RSVP by Sunday, **April 6th** with the names and number of adults
& children attending to Helen Bok by text or voicemail at
415-307-1536.

*(Each child should bring his/her own personal Easter Basket.)
For more information, please contact the Church Office at
415-661-0242*

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 20



The Easter Service with Lord's Supper at 10:00 AM.

The Easter Brunch following the Easter Service.

The Easter Egg Hunt will follow after Easter Brunch. It will be located on the Church lawn featuring our special guest, "The Easter Bunny" for children ages up to 10 years old.

Please RSVP for Brunch or Egg Hunt (or both) as early as possible but no later than **Sunday, April 6th** with the names and number of adults & children attending to Helen Bok by text or voicemail at 415-307-1536.

(Each child should bring his/her own personal Easter Basket.) For more information, please contact the Church Office at 415-661-0242.

West Portal Lutheran
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Wednesday, 11:00AM
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