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**March 14, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**REFLECTION**

*“Gluttony is an emotional escape, a sign something is eating us.”*

*-- Peter DeVries*

**PRELUDE**

*Variations on an Irish Hymn Tune*

arr. Richard E. Brown

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN No. 664**

*“Morning Has Broken”*

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God’s recreation of the new day!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

**When we are tempted to confuse consumption with satisfaction, remind us that  
Christ is the true bread that satisfies. When we get self-centered and deny others  
because of how much we take for ourselves, restore our concern for others. Grant  
us, during Lent, a discipline and direction that will strengthen and guide our spirits.**

*(Time of silent reflection. Think about something you want to turn from during Lent, or  
something you want to turn toward.)*

**Lord, hear our prayer. Amen**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's life turned towards humanity in Jesus, even before people repented and turned our lives toward God. Trust the Lord who reaches out to us in grace.

**In Jesus we are forgiven.**

**HYMN No. 726, St. 5**

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

KELVINGROVE

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

arr. Dan Forrest

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*Proverbs 23:1-3, 19-21*

**GOSPEL READING**

*John 6:26-35*

**SERMON**

*"The 7 Deadly Sins: Gluttony"*

Rev. William Schram

**HYMN**

*"I Cannot Tell"*

LONDONDERRY AIR

I cannot tell why He the King of heaven,  
Should leave the peace of all eternity,  
Why God Himself should lay aside His splendor  
To leave the Father's side and come to me  
But this I know  
Our silence filled with singing,  
And all our darkness fled from heaven's light  
When Christ the Lord so human yet so holy,  
In love was born a Child for me that holy night!

I cannot tell why He the joy of heaven,  
Should give Himself to suffer for my sin,  
Why holy God should love me in my shamefulness,  
Why He should die to draw my soul to Him.  
But this I know  
That Christ the Lord is risen,  
And praise His name,  
He's risen now in me!  
Because He lives, I'll rise to life eternal!  
He took my guilty heart, and I'm forever free!

I cannot tell when He will rule the nations,  
How He will claim His loved ones as His own;  
And who can tell the holy jubilation  
When all His children gather 'round His throne.  
But this I know

All flesh will see His glory,  
And skies will burst as all creation sings.  
The Son will rise on one eternal morning  
When Christ, the Savior of the world,  
Is Lord and King!

*Celebration Hymnal, No. 354*

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

### **PRAYER & THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*"Old Irish Blessing"*

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### **POSTLUDE**

*Postlude on "St. Patrick's Breastplate"*

arr. Lani Smith

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Barbara Piercy

Sue Jones & Noel Piercy

Micki Hardenberg, Soloist & Cantor

Paul Salierno & Friends (Special Music)

Ray Liptak, AV Engineer

## **SERMON QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH**

1. What image comes to mind when you see the word "gluttony?"
2. Do we judge people with weight issues differently? Do we judge on esthetic, moral or health grounds?
3. What do you think are some moral issues of gluttony?
4. If you accept that gluttony is in part an over-fixation on food, do you see how anorexia and bulimia might be related to it?
5. What spiritual hungers might we try to fill by eating?