

Have Mercy On Us (Trisagion)

Ortega

Vocal team/Choir:

Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and migh - ty.

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8 mer - cy on us.

12 + Congregation Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and migh - ty.

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Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation:

The Session of Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church hereby calls the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation to be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary.

Childcare Available

8:30 AM

18 months - 3 years → Walkabouts Room
 3 years - pre-K → Runabouts Room
 K - 3rd grade → Lounge

11:00 AM

18 months - pre-K → Walkabouts Room

MARCH 21, 2021

THE WAY THAT LEADS THERE

from Jerusalem
to Calvary



BEVERLY HEIGHTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

- 8:30 AM Early Morning Worship
- 10:00 AM Christian Education
- 11:00 AM Late Morning Worship
- 6:30 PM Fusion for MS and HS Students

MONDAY, MARCH 22

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

- 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

- 9:15 AM Staff Meeting
- 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 PM WNH Programming
- 5:45 PM WNH Dinner
- 7:00 PM Congregational Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

- 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 PM Worship Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

- 10:30 PM Resurrection Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

- 8:30 AM Early Morning Worship
- 10:00 AM Christian Education
- 11:00 AM Late Morning Worship
- 6:30 PM Fusion for MS and HS Students

For more information about Beverly Heights Church, please see our website (www.beverlyheights.org) or *The Gathered Seeds* weekly newsletter.



**Beverly Heights
Presbyterian
Church**

Dates to Note

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

- 7:00 PM Annual Meeting of the Congregation

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

- 10:30 AM Resurrection Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Palm Sunday

- 8:30 AM Early Morning Worship
- 10:00 AM Christian Education
- 11:00 AM Late Morning Worship

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

- 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Easter Sunday

- 8:30 AM Early Morning Worship
- 10:00 AM Easter Brunch
- 11:00 AM Late Morning Worship

Early Morning Worship

WE WORSHIP THE HOLY ONE

His Mercy is More

Welcome

Pastor Devlin

Greeting and Announcements

Amy Lucas

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

WE DRAW CLOSER TO OUR SAVIOR AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Sacrament of Baptism

Thaddeus Lee Clark

Jesus Loves Me

Lenten Liturgy

See inside bulletin.

We Offer Ourselves to God

The Power of the Cross

Children dismissed as per back of bulletin.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 21:25-33

Sermon

The Way That Leads There ~ Jerusalem to Calvary
From Distress to Assurance

Pastor Devlin

WE GLORIFY GOD AND ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

When Trials Come

Benediction

Late Morning Worship

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP TO PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

Prelude *Love Unknown* F. Jackson
Alexander Buiel, organ

The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum.

Choral Introit *Psalm 133*

Greeting and Announcements Amy Lucas, Administrative Assistant

We Begin with a Song of Praise *Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!*

**Thee we adore, eternal Lord!
We praise Thy name with one accord.
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee,
Through all the world do worship Thee.**

**Apostles join the glorious throng,
And prophets swell th'immortal song;
Thy martyrs' noble army raise
Eternal anthems to Thy praise,
Eternal anthems to Thy praise.**

**From day to day, O Lord, do we
Exalt and highly honor Thee!
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, forevermore,
World without end, forevermore.**

Call to Worship From Psalm 69

LEADER: Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me. Hide not Your face from Your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!

PEOPLE: I am afflicted and in pain; let Your salvation, O God, set me on high! I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

LEADER: Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah,

PEOPLE: And people shall dwell there and possess it; the offspring of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His name shall dwell in it.

Prayer of Invocation Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

WE DRAW CLOSER TO OUR SAVIOR AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Hymn of Worship **No. 534** vv. 1, 2 *O for a Closer Walk with God*

Responsive Call to Confession Psalm 119:1-24 *Trinity Hymnal, pg. 829*

Silent Private Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response **No. 534** vv. 3, 4 *O for a Closer Walk with God*

Lenten Liturgy *See next page.*

We Offer Ourselves to God *Hymn to God the Father* Helvey

*Wilt Thou forgive that sin, where I begun, which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt Thou forgive those sins through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more.
Wilt Thou forgive that sin, by which I won others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more.
I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
Swear by Thyself, that at my death Thy Son shall shine as He shines now, and heretofore.
And having done that Thou has done, I fear no more. I fear no more.*

Children dismissed as per back of bulletin.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 21:25-33

Sermon **The Way That Leads There ~ Jerusalem to Calvary** Pastor Devlin
From Distress to Assurance

WE GLORIFY GOD AND ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Scriptural Affirmation Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Closing Hymn **No. 691** vv. 1-3 *It Is Well with My Soul*

Benediction

Postlude *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland* J.S. Bach

Lenten Liturgy

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-8

Rev. Dr. Richard G. Wolling, Pastor Emeritus

Lenten Litany

Leader: In this season of Lent, we are troubled by our sin and our rejection of You.

People: Comfort us, Lord, with Your word and Your presence.

Leader: We are troubled by the righteous requirement of the Law that we cannot fulfill.

People: Comfort us, Lord, with Your word and Your presence.

Leader: We are troubled by Your holiness, under which we stand condemned.

People: Comfort us, Lord, with Your word and Your presence.

Leader: We are troubled by the cross, upon which Christ died, so that sinners might live.

People: Comfort us, Lord, with Your word and Your presence.

We Direct Our Attention to the Cross

Is it possible that things in our country can get any worse than they are today? Our children have been out of school for a year and falling more and more behind by the day. Commerce is suffering with a projected 1/3 of all small businesses destined to close for good. In spite of the vaccination rollouts we are still warned that things could flare up and that the fight is not yet over. Crime from drugs, gangs and cyber criminals is spiraling out of control. There's a growing immigration catastrophe at our southern border. Our political leaders on both the local and national levels flail around with a combination of cluelessness, lack of courage and weak moral grounding.

If the people of Isaiah's day had the BBC or the CBS Evening News they could also see and hear an endless litany of challenge-cum-difficulty-cum-disaster-cum-catastrophe. Their worries were Assyria, Babylon, Moab, Egypt, Syria and their cousins to the north, Israel. They would hear of wars, political intrigues and invasions and they might be prompted to ask, "Can things in our country get any worse than they are today?"

To the people in trouble then and to us in trouble today the Lord shouts from His Word through the mouth of the prophet: "Hearken to Me...Listen to Me...Awake, Awake! Don't be fixated on the ferocity of the evils; don't be focused on the fearsome perils before you! Look to the rock from which you were hewn; look to your father, Abraham. And as you do, consider Me, the One, living and true God Who made promises of covenant love to him, then, and Who remains faithful to those promises in love to you, now."

To them and to us the Lord says, "I, I am He that comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass...have you forgotten the Lord, your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth...I am the Lord your God, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar - the Lord of hosts is My name."

It's as if the Lord is reaching down from heaven, taking us by the shoulders and shaking us from our delirium, driving a stick into the dizzying emotional disruption of our worries and fears, and pointing us to the cross from which He says, as He did in Isaiah's day, "You are my people; I will comfort you, I will make your wilderness like Eden, your desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in you, thanksgiving and the voice of song."

We ask in our frustration and our fear, "Can things get any worse than they are now?" until we look to the cross, "on which the Prince of Glory died" and see, in our mighty Deliverer, love that is "so amazing and so divine."

Does the crucifixion of the Son of God two thousand years ago promise financial, academic, medical, political or cultural recoveries in our own day? It's hard to make those connections, no doubt. But what is absolutely clear, as we look to the cross, is that the same God Who gave up His only Son to die in order to make eternal fellowship with us possible, is a God Who knows us, loves us, comforts us and will, in the end, save us with a deliverance that will never end.

Silent Private Prayer

Lenten Response

Have Mercy On Us

See back of the bulletin.

Lenten Hymn **No. 402**

vv. 1, 3, 5

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes:
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

O for a Closer Walk with God

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What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Mic. 6:8

1. O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav'n - ly frame,
2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
4. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper, 1779

BEATITUDO C.M.
John B. Dykes, 1875

Psalm 119:1-24

¹ Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.

² **Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.**

³ They do no wrong; they walk in his ways

⁴ **You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.**

⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

⁶ **Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.**

⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

⁸ **I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.**

⁹ How can a young man keep his on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

¹⁰ **I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.**

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

¹² **Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees.**

¹³ With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

¹⁴ **I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.**

¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

¹⁶ **I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.**

¹⁷ Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word.

¹⁸ **Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.**

¹⁹ I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

²⁰ **My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.**

²¹ You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed and who stray from your commands.

²² **Remove from me scorn and contempt, for I keep your statutes.**

²³ Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on your decrees.

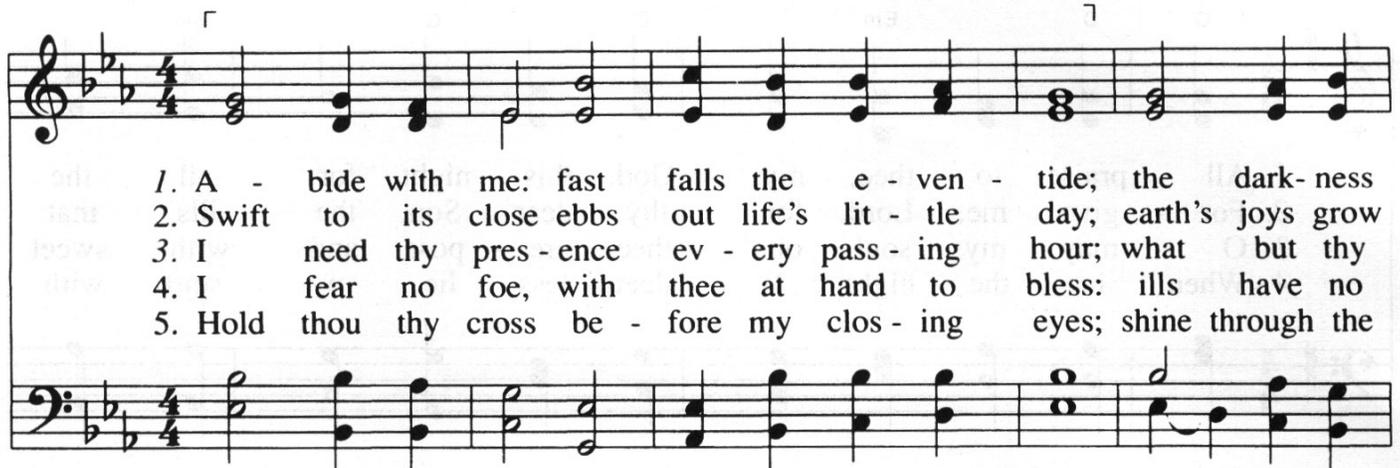
²⁴ **Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.**

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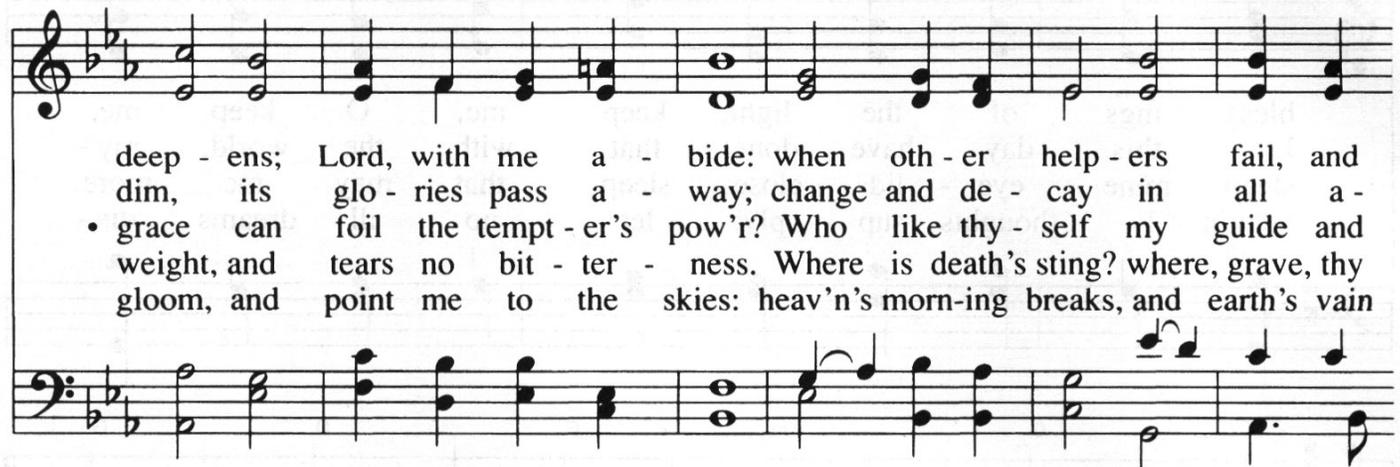
Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

This is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

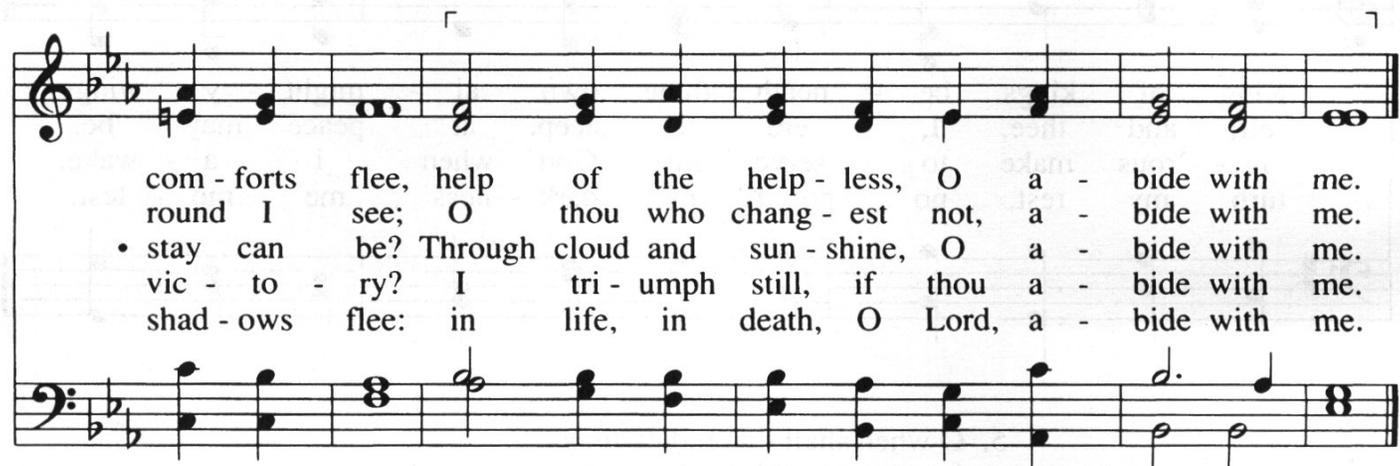
1 John 3:24



1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark - ness
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow
3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; what but thy
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: ills have no
5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the



deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide: when oth - er help - ers fail, and
dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a -
• grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and
weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy
gloom, and point me to the skies: heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain



com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
round I see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
• stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
shad - ows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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It Is Well with My Soul

*The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

REFRAIN

"It is well, it is well with my soul."
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
"E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
with my soul;