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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023



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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located downstairs.

Concordia Church continues to follow Chicago Department of Health and CDC guidelines to ensure appropriate protocols are in place for the health and safety of our worshippers, leaders, and staff. Please visit www.concordiafaith.org for the latest updates.

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Prelude

"Reflection" by Robert J Powell

Renewal of Baptism

P: Blessed be our God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
The fountain of living water,
The rock who gave us birth,
Our light and our salvation.

C: Amen

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy
and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life.

**C: We praise you for the gift of our baptism and for uniting us with Christ in his
death and in his resurrection. Send your Spirit upon us that we may live as your
people and walk in newness of life.**

P: When you were baptized, you were marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Remember your baptism with thanksgiving and joy.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and
glorify your Father in heaven.

C: Amen.

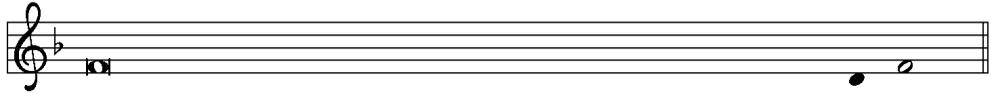
*"Lent almost always comes at the same time as the spring training season for
baseball players. Lent is the spring training period of the Christian. It is the time we
get into condition spiritually. Through spiritual exercise and diligent practice we get
our lives into shape. It is a short intensive training season for the improvement of the
body and soul. Only those who get into condition spiritually are in shape to play a
winning game of life."*

-Historical quote from March 6, 1955

Kyrie



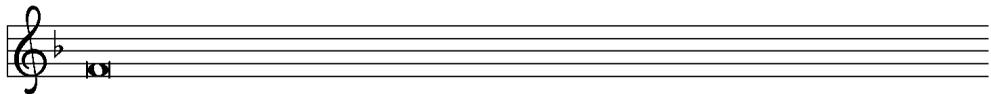
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



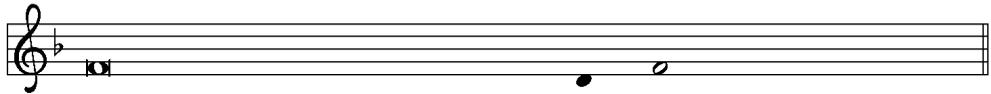
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



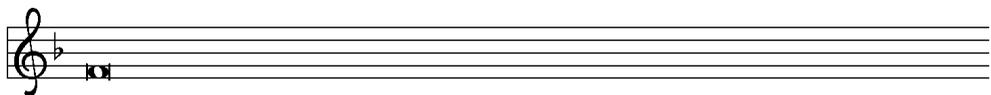
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



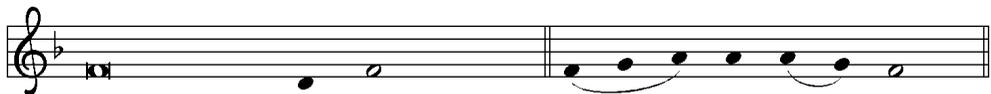
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



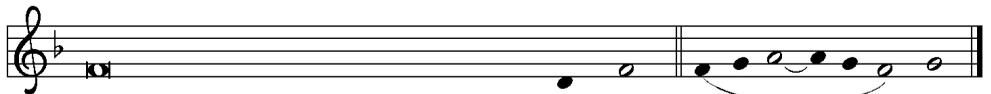
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Greeting

P: 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

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First Reading continued...

⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Taize #12 "Wait for the Lord"

Em C Am⁶ B

p

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

p

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation for the Taize chant. It features a grand staff with a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chord symbols Em, C, Am⁶, and B are placed above the staff. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' are written below the staff. The dynamic marking *p* (piano) is present at the beginning and end of the line.

Em D G Am B Em

mf

Wait for the Lord: be strong, — take heart!

mf

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation for the Taize chant. It features a grand staff with a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chord symbols Em, D, G, Am, B, and Em are placed above the staff. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, — take heart!' are written below the staff. The dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) is present at the beginning and end of the line.

P: The Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

John 9:1-41

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

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²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses." ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day

ELW #779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 Thanksgiving

A: Called to the renewal of our faith in Lent, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: In the waters of baptism, you join us to the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For the gift of forgiveness, we praise you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For courage to be the body of Christ, we pray to you.

C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. For those who seek your healing presence, especially *Gary, Glen, Lupe, Galen, Mike, Harry, Dennis, Sandie, Gianna, Bob, Luis, Lance*, and those we hold in our thoughts, we pray to you.

C: Hear us, O God.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

The Offering

See page 20 for ways to support our ministries

125th Anniversary Activities & Plans Temple Talk

by 125th Anniversary Planning Team

Offertory Hymn

W&P #35 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

The musical score is written in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be re - newed. So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you."

Chords for the first staff: F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, B♭, Gm

Chords for the second staff: C⁷_{sus}, C⁷, F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C

Chords for the third staff: Gm, F/A, C, F, Am⁷, Dm⁷

Chords for the fourth staff: Am⁷, Dm⁷, Gm⁷, Gm/D, C⁷_{sus}, C⁷

Chords for the fifth staff: F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F

Offertory Prayer

A: God our provider,
 C: you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

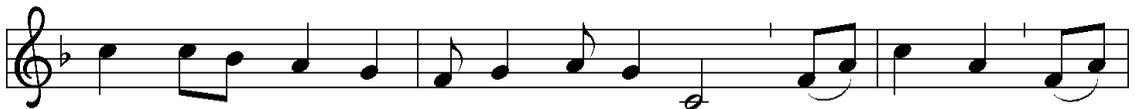
Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

C: 
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

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Communion Hymn

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Anthem

"Sanctify"

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

ELW #326 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Finale” (Allegretto) by Robert J Powell

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook

Usher: Bob Chandler

Deacon: Jennifer Phillips &
Christina Formeller

Organist: Paul Dykstra

Lectors: Wilma Stevens

Song leaders: Brianna Murray &
Benjamin Burney



“Have you insured your soul? God offers you the best policy in the universe, a fully paid up policy (paid by Christ) without money and without price. Can you beat that? All you need is the faith to take it, and even that faith is not your own, it is the gift of God, too.”

-Historical quote from July 1927

Announcements

Easter Lilies for Order

Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter lily! Lilies are \$30 each, payable by cash or check. If you wish, your lily can be purchased in honor or memory of someone. Order forms are available in the back of the sanctuary. Deadline to order is Sunday, April 2nd.

**Easter lilies are often in high demand. We regret if we are unable to fulfill all orders based on the number of lilies available at time of purchase. We will prioritize based on when orders are submitted.

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Stewardship Temple Talks

As we prepare for the kick-off of our 2023 stewardship campaign, we are hosting temple talks during worship on Sundays. The purpose of these temple talks will be to both provide educational information about various ministries and other aspects of our church, along with sharing ways that you can get involved with these ministries of the church.

March 19th (TODAY!)—125th Anniversary Activities & Plans

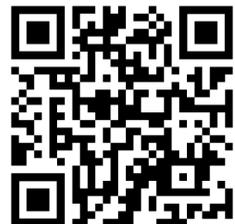
March 26th—Health & Wellness Committee

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Pre-registration required by March 29th
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BYOB—Light snacks provided or bring your own

All proceeds benefit the Common Pantry & 'The Cupboard' Food Pantry at Swedish Covenant Hospital



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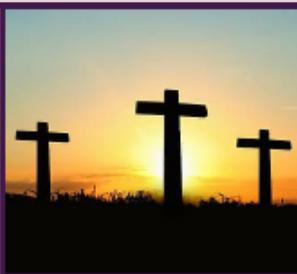
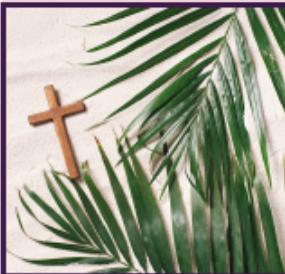


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Holy Week & Easter



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Palm Sunday

Good Friday

Easter

Palm Sunday – April 2nd at 10:00am

Join us in the Procession of Palms and hear the story of Christ's Passion

Good Friday—April 7th at 7:00pm

Reflections on the 7 last words of Christ on the cross

Easter Sunday—April 9th

Continental Breakfast at 8:00–9:15am | Concert at 9:30am

Worship at 10:00am | Easter Egg Hunt following worship

Joyfully celebrate with us the Resurrection of our Lord!

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Gospel Acclamation

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Hymn of the Day

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Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

Offertory Hymn

W&P #35 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Text and music: Mary Rice Hopkins
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Sanctus

Setting 3

Communion Hymn

"Lamb of God" (Setting 3)

Closing Hymn

ELW #326 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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