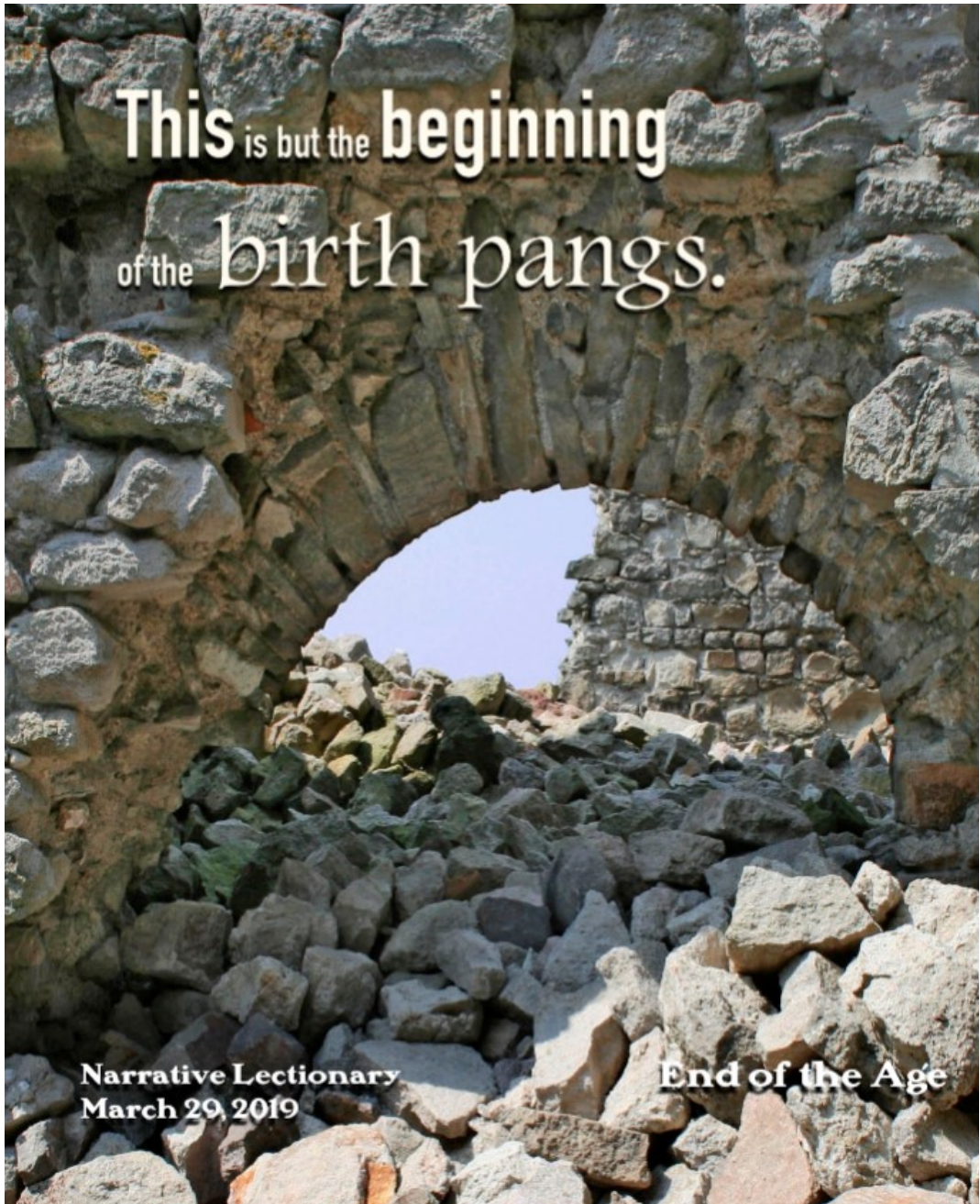


Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 29, 2020
Recorded Worship



This is but the **beginning**
of the **birth pangs.**

Narrative Lectionary
March 29, 2019

End of the Age

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: RISING SUN

Verse 1

**Praise Him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God**

Verse 2

**We lift high His glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God**

Chorus

**Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

Verse 3

**Praise His Name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God**

Chorus

**Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Your Name is higher than the rising sun**

Bridge

**Oh oh oh oh
Oh oh oh oh
Hallelujah name above all
Simply to speak Your Name is praise
Hallelujah now and always
Forever we lift Your Name in praise
Hallelujah our God You reign
Simply to speak Your Name is praise oh**

Chorus

**Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
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GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: **O Lord,
No one on earth knows the hour of your return.
Only keep us watchful and awake,
that we might always be at work in your kingdom,
for the sake of Jesus, amen.**

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 102:12-17

Leader: A reading from the book of Psalms

- ¹² But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
your name endures to all generations.
- ¹³ You will rise up and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to favor it;
the appointed time has come.
- ¹⁴ For your servants hold its stones dear,
and have pity on its dust.
- ¹⁵ The nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth your glory.
- ¹⁶ For the Lord will build up Zion;
he will appear in his glory.
- ¹⁷ He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
and will not despise their prayer.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: MARK 13:1-8, 24-37

Leader: The holy gospel according to Mark

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

²⁴"But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.

²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this

generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION: Pastor Brian Claasen - *“Signs Of The Times”*

HYMN OF THE DAY: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Soprano *unis. mp* 8

Alto

O Spir - it of the liv - ing GoD, Thou
 Blow wind of God with wis - dom blow, un -
 So shall we know the pow'r of Christ, who

Alto

Light and Fire Di - vine. De - scend up on thy
 til our minds are free. From mists of er - ror,
 came this world. to save, So shall we rise with

mf

Church once more and make it tru - ly Thine Fill
 clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to Thee. Burn,

It with love and joy and pow'r, with right - eous-ness and
 Wing - ed fire, in - spire our lips with flam - ing love and
 earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which makes Thy chil - dren

mp

Peace 'Til Christ shall dwell in hu - man hearts, and
 Zeal To preach to all Thy great good news, God's
 Whole 'Til, per - fec - ted by Thee, we reach cre -

Sin and sor - row cease.
 Glo - rious com - mon - weal.
 a - tion's glo - rious goal.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 PEOPLE

LEADER: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

LEADER: There are many who claim to have special knowledge of your plan to redeem the earth, O Lord. Do not allow us to be led astray, keeping us focused instead upon all the ways you are calling us to live out our discipleship here and now. Eternal God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: We take our clues from nature to know what season it is. May we be as keenly aware of other people and when the time is right to share your word and mediate your grace and love to them. Eternal God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends from being infected. Eternal God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: We ask your healing power upon all those who are dealing with addictions and impulses difficult to control. Send your Spirit also to those whom we know are suffering, especially Ruth, Mercedes, Karen, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy Robin, Christina, Irene, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. Eternal God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: care-givers, nurses, attendants, doctors, all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families. Eternal God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. Eternal God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

LEADER: Bless all for whom we pray this day, and keep us alert to the ways you are working in the world. In Jesus' name,

ALL: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lauren Haile and Paul Haile - *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

OFFERING STATEMENT BY PASTOR BRIAN

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.

3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;



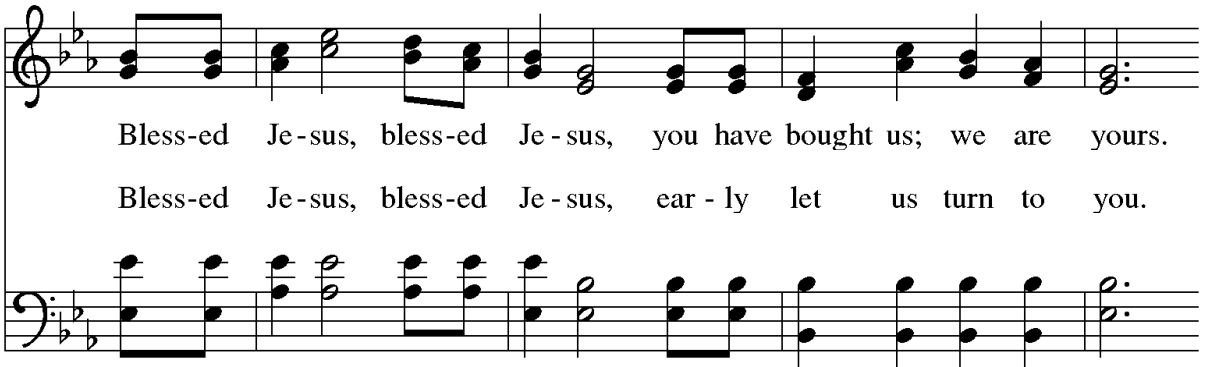
In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.

you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Week: Sunday, April 5, 2020

Theme: Triumphal Entry (Anointing at Bethany)

Main Idea: Jesus is a king unlike any we could imagine.

Read Ahead: Psalm 118:25-29; Mark 11:1-11 or Mark 14:3-9

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