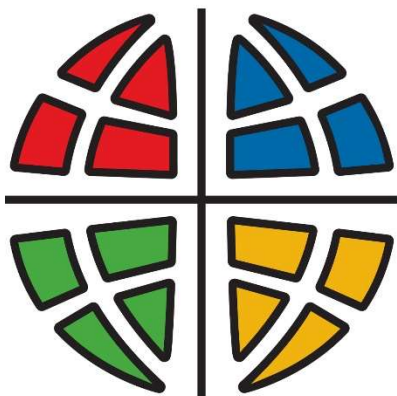


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ELCA

# Fifth Sunday in Lent



March 17, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً  
 ברוך הבא Bienvenue Tere tulemast خوش آمدید సుస్కవ-గతం Bienvenido  
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 Soo dhowow فارشي نالمنز Ласкаво просимо 환영합니다

At First Evangelical Lutheran all are welcome here – disciples and doubters, sinners and saints, wanderers and wonderers, young and young at heart, insiders and outsiders – all of God’s children are welcome in this community as we **worship** together, **learn** together, **serve** together, **pray** together and **play** together seeking to follow Jesus in our daily lives. We are blessed by your presence here today!

# You belong, here!

*Please fill out the “Welcome to Worship” slip  
in the pew rack and pass to the side aisles*

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- ✧ All are invited to speak those responses printed in **bold**.
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# PRELUDE

"If You Will Only Let God Guide You"

- Arr. C. Phillips

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Please rise as you are able*

## GATHERING HYMN

ELW 321

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



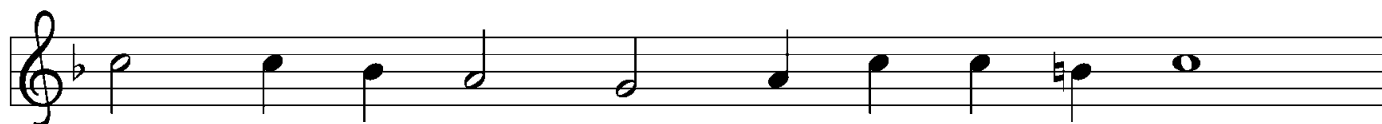
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



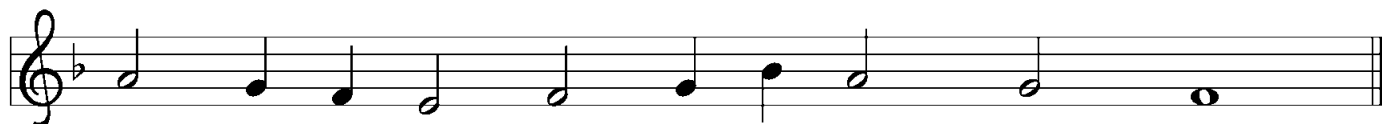
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here—the the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

## GREETINGS

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

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## CONFESSIONS & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Who writes the law on our hearts, Who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,

**We confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, Forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, Breaks every snare of sin, Washes away our wrongs, And restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

OT 570

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

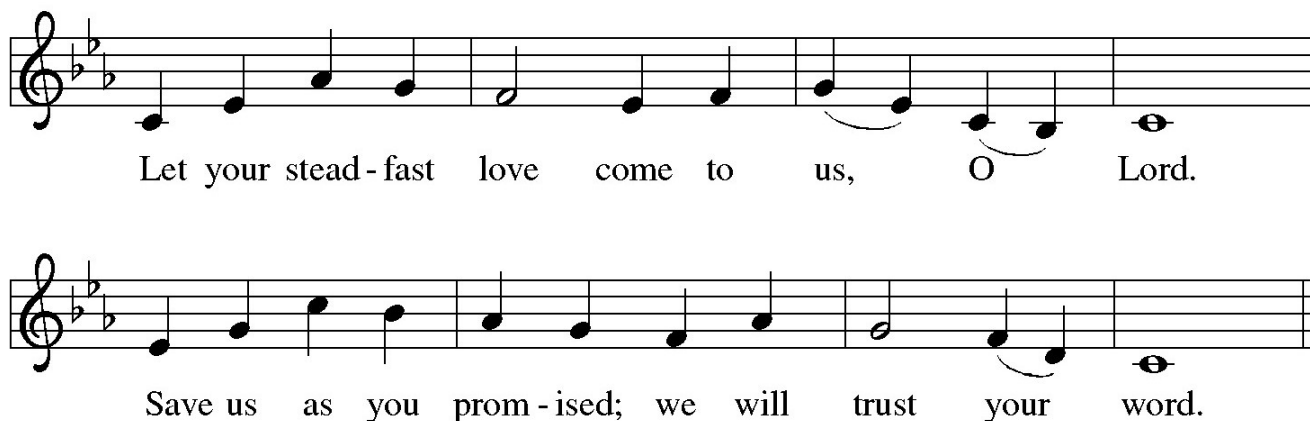
<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Let your stead - fast    love    come to    us,    O    Lord.

Save us    as    you    prom - ised;    we    will    trust    your    word.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please Be Seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Please rise if you are able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 608

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"



## **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.**

*Please Be Seated*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...Hear us, O God.  
Your mercy is great.  
Amen.

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

## **OFFERTORY**

"Jesus Sinners Will Receive"

- Setting, Sedio

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, 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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is in C major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody begins with a half note C4, followed by quarter notes D4, E4, and F4. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of' are aligned under the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics 'pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -' are aligned under the second staff. The third staff continues with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, and G5. The lyrics 'san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the' are aligned under the third staff. The fourth staff concludes with quarter notes A5, B5, and C6. The lyrics 'name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' are aligned under the fourth staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able*

## SENDING SONG

ELW 545

### Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Praeludium And Fughetta"

- J. K. F. Fischer



Easter Flowers - If you please use an envelope from the narthex or contact the church office. Orders due by Palm Sunday March 24th. Cost is \$10 and will be available for pick up after the Easter Service.

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Reader	Theron Pace	Larry Anderson
Communion Assistant	**needed	Kristen Thibedeau
Sound/IT	Tom Olsen Jack Caballero	Tom Olsen Jack Caballero
Coffee/Tea & Clean Up	**needed	**needed
Treats	**needed	**needed
Altar Guild	Julie Garcia Nancy Griesemer	Claudia & Mitch
Security	Larry Davenport	**needed

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# Life in Christ

## Church as a VERB – WORSHIP

**In person worship** each Sunday at 9am.

**Online Worship** is available every Sunday through our website at [www.firstlutheranredlands.org](http://www.firstlutheranredlands.org).

**Flower Chart for 2024** is in the Narthex. Sign up if there is a week you would like to purchase flowers for the back altar. Cost is \$50.

## Church as a VERB – LEARN

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** — Each week at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 4566 3534 Code: 313299.

**Adult Forum** — Each Sunday after service @ 10:30 am

## Church as a VERB – PLAY

**COMIC Quilters** — are back to regular Wednesday morning meetings at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

## Church as a VERB – SERVE

**Drop in the Ocean Bags** — are available to pick up in narthex or church office. Bags are to be distributed to the homeless. Please assist by taking as many as you would like to give out.

**Redland Family Services**—For the month of March, please donate pasta sauce and boxed noodles.

## This Week at First

<b>Sunday 03/17</b>	09:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Choir Practice in Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	<b>Youth Forum (ages 14-17)</b>
	01:00 PM	BATAK Worship - Sanctuary/PH
<b>Wednesday 03/20</b>	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters - Fireside Room
	06:00 PM	Soup Supper
<b>Thursday 03/21</b>	11:00 AM	Bible Study - Zoom
<b>Saturdays 03/16</b>	10:00 AM	SDA Worship - Sanctuary/PH
	06:00 PM	AA Care and Share - PH
<b>Sunday 03/24</b>	09:00 AM	Worship – Sanctuary ( <u>Palm Sunday</u> )
	10:00 AM	Choir Practice in Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Adult Forum
	01:00 PM	BATAK Worship - Sanctuary/PH

## TODAY

**The youth of First Lutheran are hosting a silent auction today and next Sunday!**

Stop by the narthex and place a bid on a basket featuring our local Redlands businesses, including Jax Toys, Gourmet Pizza, and MORE! The silent auction will conclude on March 24th at 10:45. While you're at it, check out the 100 Envelope Challenge! Pick an envelope from the board in the narthex and return your donation to the church office or share at [tithe.ly/](https://tithe.ly/) (Be sure to indicate that it's for the youth)! Thank you for supporting the kids of First Lutheran as they raise funds to attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer!



## **SYNOD NEWS**

This year the Synod Assembly will be held in two stages: a regional gathering and online voting through Zoom. First is honored to be selected to host the regional gathering for the Inland Empire! Each Regional Gathering will be held from 10 am-2 pm, and lunch will be provided. The cost per person will be \$20. The Regional Gatherings will be an opportunity to worship together, as well as to engage in substantive conversation on the issues that matter most to us as a synod. Everyone is invited to the Regional Gathering in your area. Our regional gathering will be on Saturday, May 11.

Larry and Kathy Anderson have been appointed to serve as delegates to the Synod Assembly. They will attend the regional gathering in May as well as the Azoombly (online voting through Zoom) in June.

Let's have a great showing of support from First for the regional gathering! To register for the gathering go to [pacificasynod.org](https://pacificasynod.org) and select 2024 Synod Assembly or [click here to register](#).

**Remember in prayer...**

**"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs"**

**Healing and strength:** Bill, Nancy, and Tammy family of Paces; The Cardenas Family; The Chovick Family; Mark's Parents Lois , Don and Jan; family of, Javier Hernandez; Mary Ellen Toeniskoetter who passed 03/09/2024 from bone cancer; Matthew Ramos; Mike and surgery; Ramond Cardenas; Richard & Richie family of Havards; family of Sherley;

**Continuing prayers for:** Jan Jacobson; Mac & Donna Barnes; Walter, brother of Ginger Close;

**Our homebound:** Arlene Coleman; Betty Frannea; Carlton Peterson; Kay and John McMunn

**\*\* Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.**

**\*\* The people of Israel and Palestine.**

**\*\* Peace.**

**"Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."**

The prayer list is refreshed each week using the "Welcome to Worship" slips.  
If you have a prayer request, please include it on those slips  
or contact the Pastor or church office.

17 Reflect on the people for whom you have concern. Pray for them and commit yourself to expressing your love and care in a personal way — an in-person conversation; a phone call offering help; a note, text or email.

18 Pray for the work of the Creation Care Network, which connects the ELCA with ecumenical ministries and organizations that equip us to be faithful stewards of God's creation.

19 First day of spring Praise our Creator and give thanks for the sun and the heavenly bodies of the universe, which impact every aspect of life and reflect the amazing creativity, mystery and power of God.

20 Let our Lenten prayer for today be: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (Psalm 51:1-2).

21 Remember in prayer youth, adults and congregations preparing for their faith-stirring experience at the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events in New Orleans this summer.

22 Rejoice and give thanks for the wonderful variety of songs and musical styles that calm, energize, unite and inspire us.

23 Pray for God to open our hearts and minds to the needs of our neighbors and to guide our responses of love, support and advocacy. Give thanks for the ways our church encourages and provides opportunities for service and volunteerism, including Young Adults in Global Mission, ELCA World Hunger, Young Adult Ministry, Lutheran Disaster Response and "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.

## LENT & Holy Week

Wednesdays in March  
20th & 27th

06:00 pm Soup Supper  
07:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

Palm Sunday 03/24

09:00 am

Maundy Thursday 03/28

07:00 pm

Good Friday 03/29

07:00 pm

*@ First Congregational Church 2 West Olive Ave. Redlands 92373*

Easter Sunday 03/31

09:00 am