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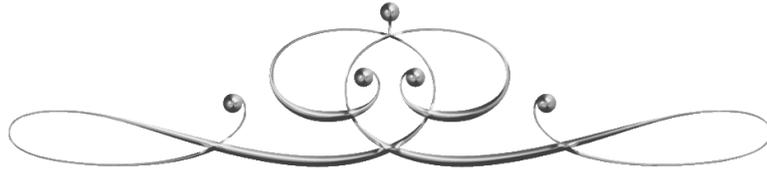
Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020



“The Lord is my shepherd I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.” ~ Psalm 23:1-2

Welcome to St. James! “Every person is welcome at God’s Table”—this is what we say every Sunday morning, and we truly mean it. It guides our lives and our ministries here at St. James, Kent. Whoever you are—whatever your story, your circumstances, your hopes, and your gifts—you are truly and completely welcome with us.



Our Mission Goals:

To Tell the Good News in Jesus Christ through building relationships;

To Teach by offering Christian Formation for all ages;

To Tend to the wellness of our community;

To Transform ourselves and our parish through the power of the Spirit; and

To Treasure and steward the gifts we've been given by God.

Prelude

James Jelasic, Piano

Opening Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymnal #645 v 1-3



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.

Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ~ 1 John 1:8,9

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Trisagion

Hymnal #S100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The 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." Samuel 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.' Invite 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." Samuel 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?" He 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.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But 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."

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel 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." He 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." Then 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.

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading ~ Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Gospel Hymn

I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymnal #490 vs.1 & 2

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
I want to look at Je-sus.
I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
show me the way to the Fa-ther.
shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-t-y of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Reading ~ John 9:1-41

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

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then 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." Some 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. So 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." The 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 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but 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." His 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. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So 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." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He 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?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. (*cont next page*)

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

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn

I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymnal #490 vs.3

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Joyce Parry-Moore

The Nicene Creed

BCP #358



Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Priest: In the name of our loving God, who offers healing and clarity to all, let us pray for the Church, for ourselves, and for the whole World.

Leader: O Lord of all, you sent your son, Jesus, to help us see clearly and to resist fear from clouding our decisions. Help us to stay connected to those in our community, and to do what is needed for the health of all. God in your Wisdom,

People: Guide us.

Leader: God of truth, you anointed leaders and prophets among us to minister to your people and make difficult decisions for the good of all. We pray for your Church, its clergy, its lay leaders, and those whom we serve, that all may work together toward the wellness of the Body. Lord, in your Wisdom,

People: Strengthen us.

Leader: God of love, you promised to be with us even when we walk through the valley of difficult times. Help us to remember that we are continually connected to you and our neighbors through the care of the Holy Spirit.. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Emmanuel of Mercer Island and Holy Cross of Redmond. Lord, in your Wisdom,

People: Encourage us.

Leader: In these times of global challenge, we pray for the leaders of all the nations of your world, that they may prioritize wellbeing, justice and peace for all people. Lord, in your Wisdom,

People: Humble us.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you brought healing and connection to all people, especially those who were forgotten. Help us to remember now especially those in need of your healing connection. In our St. James community, we pray particularly for Doug Bailey, Marcia Bracher, David Breland, Scott Clifthorne, Aubree Danioth and family, Ellen Flick, Peggy Gathman, Jonah George, Norm Guiler, Gusse-Helmer family, Dory Hagen, Lynn Hamilton, Bob and Deb McGarry, Brian and Rachel McKelvey, Steve McMains, Beverly McQueen, Chuck Millet, Kathy Scholl, Becky Scott, Penny Salerno, Paul Stannert, Swingle family, Dale Warren, Dorothy Yantis, JoAnne Zimmer and Molly Zimmer. We pray for Josh Smith and Justin Underwood who are serving in the military, and we pray for victims and survivors of severe weather and natural disasters such as hurricanes and wildfires; victims and survivors of gun violence and bombings; migrant adults and children seeking asylum; and those who are currently suffering from COVID-19 or who have lost loved ones to this disease. Lord, in your Wisdom,

People: Heal us.

Leader: Loving Savior, during times of isolation, when we are not able to worship together at your Table, help us to be mindful that we always part of your heavenly banquet. Grant us faith that we are ever surrounded by those whom we love, but see no longer. Lord in your Wisdom,

People: Unite us.

The Presider concludes with a Collect.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues through Proper Preface.

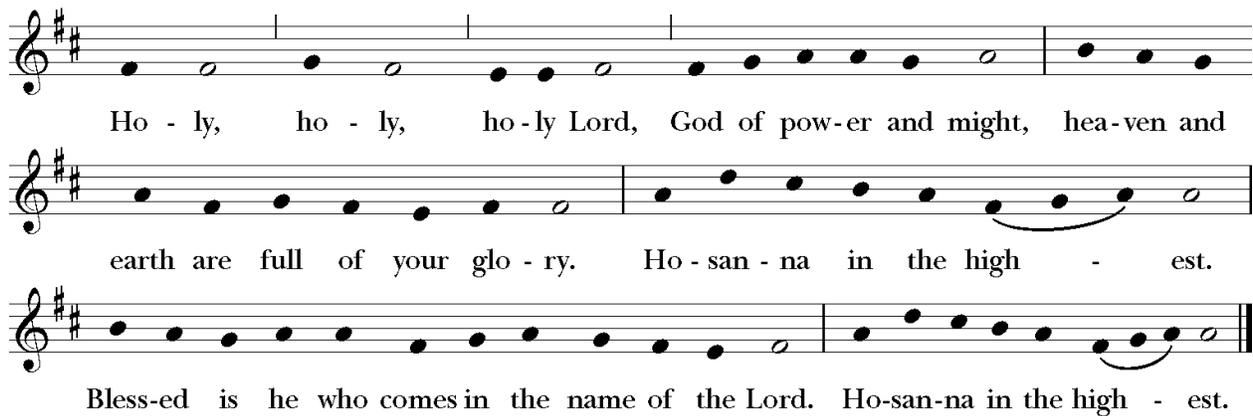
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface is sung or said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal #5124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also + that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

BCP #364

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Bread and Wine are distributed.

All are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available from the celebrant. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the host, you may cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail.

Communion Meditation Music

James Jelasic, Piano

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Priestly Blessing.

Closing Hymn

Jesus Calls Us; O're the Tumult

Hymnal #549 vs. 1-3

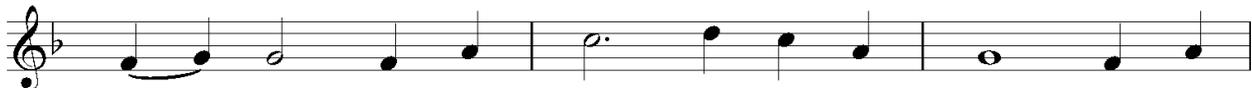
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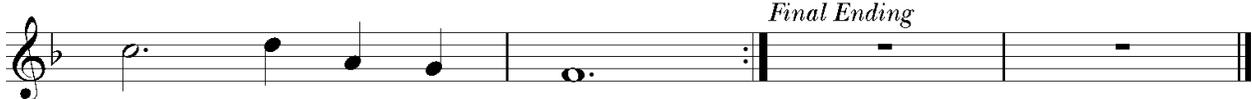
1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the



1 life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
2 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
3 vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol that would



1 sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;" say - ing,
2 kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake. leav - ing
3 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more." say - ing,



Final Ending

1 "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
2 all for his dear sake.
3 "Chris - tian, love me more."

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Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace.

Thanks be to God!

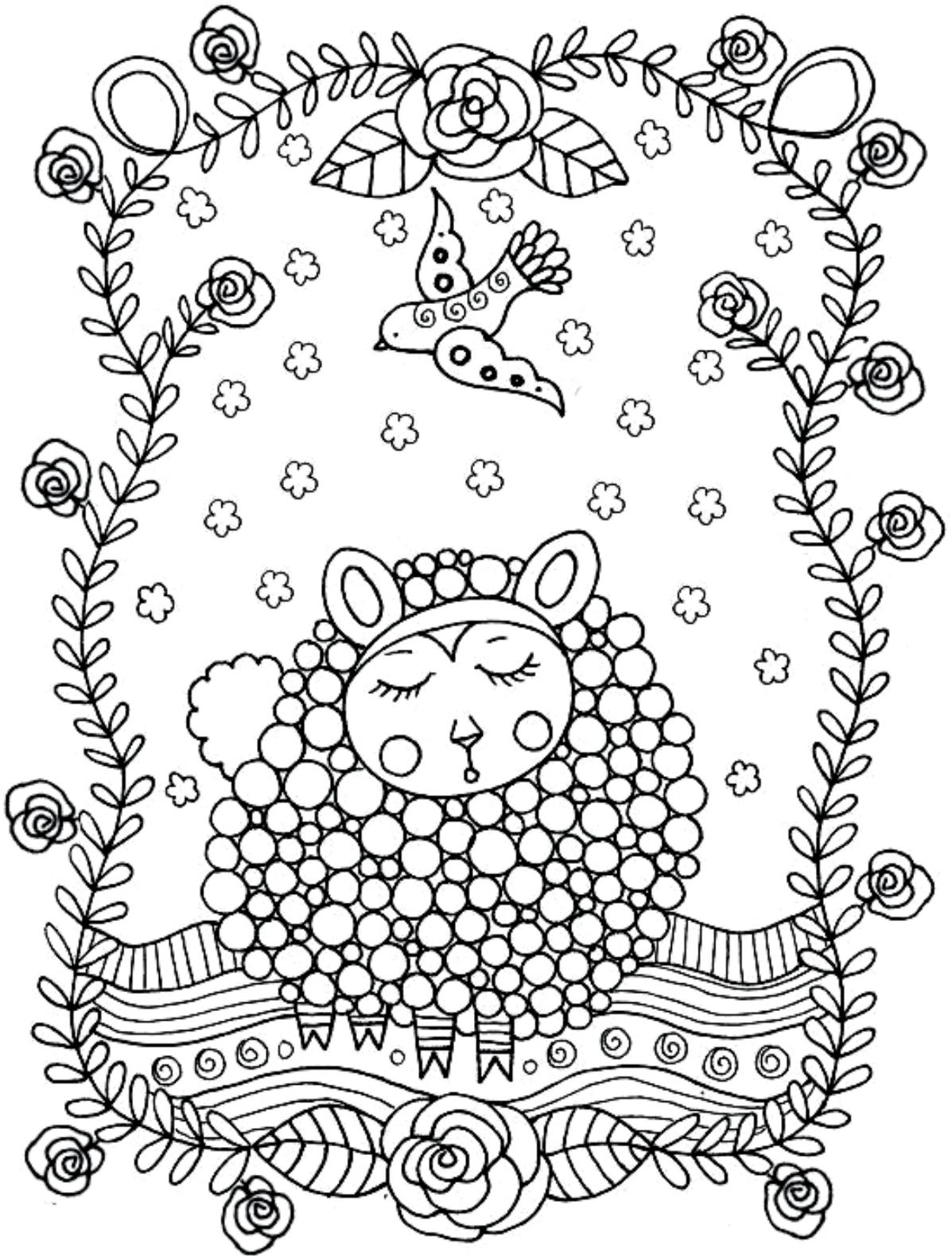
Postlude

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